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'Two in, two out' means three firefighters isn't enough

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A safety rule that requires two backup firefighters to remain outside when two others enter a burning building presents some potential problems for West Sacramento's fire department – which only staffs three firefighters on one truck company instead of four. But so far, the city's firefighters "have been able to make it work," said Fire Chief Fred Postel.

"We do staff our companies with three firefighters, and there is a 'two in, two out' rule," he explained to the News-Ledger yesterday. "We have made an adaptation to that. Unless there's an emergency, we do wait until we have a standby crew before they go in."

That means that when a truck from one fire station arrives at a fire call, the three firefighters with it do not enter a burning building until a truck and crew from another company get to the scene to provide enough backup for the "two in, two out" rule. But this rule can be circumvented if someone's life appears in danger, added Postel.

Not every department staffs with three firefighters to a company. Some use four.

"Departments that staff with three people do it about our way," said Postel. "If they have four people (to a truck), then they have enough for 'two in, two out.' "

Four per company "would be the most effective way to fight a fire, with more people," he added. But the issue is personnel cost to the city. "The city doesn't want to keep a standing army."

'Four fire-fighters per truck 'would be the most effective way to fight a fire, with more people. (But) the city doesn't want to keep a standing army.'

CHIEF POSTEL
West Sacramento Fire Department

Most of the time, the three-person staffing isn't an issue, said Postel.

"The majority of our calls are for first aid. And we have increased help available with 'mutual aid,' when we do get a fire of any consequence."

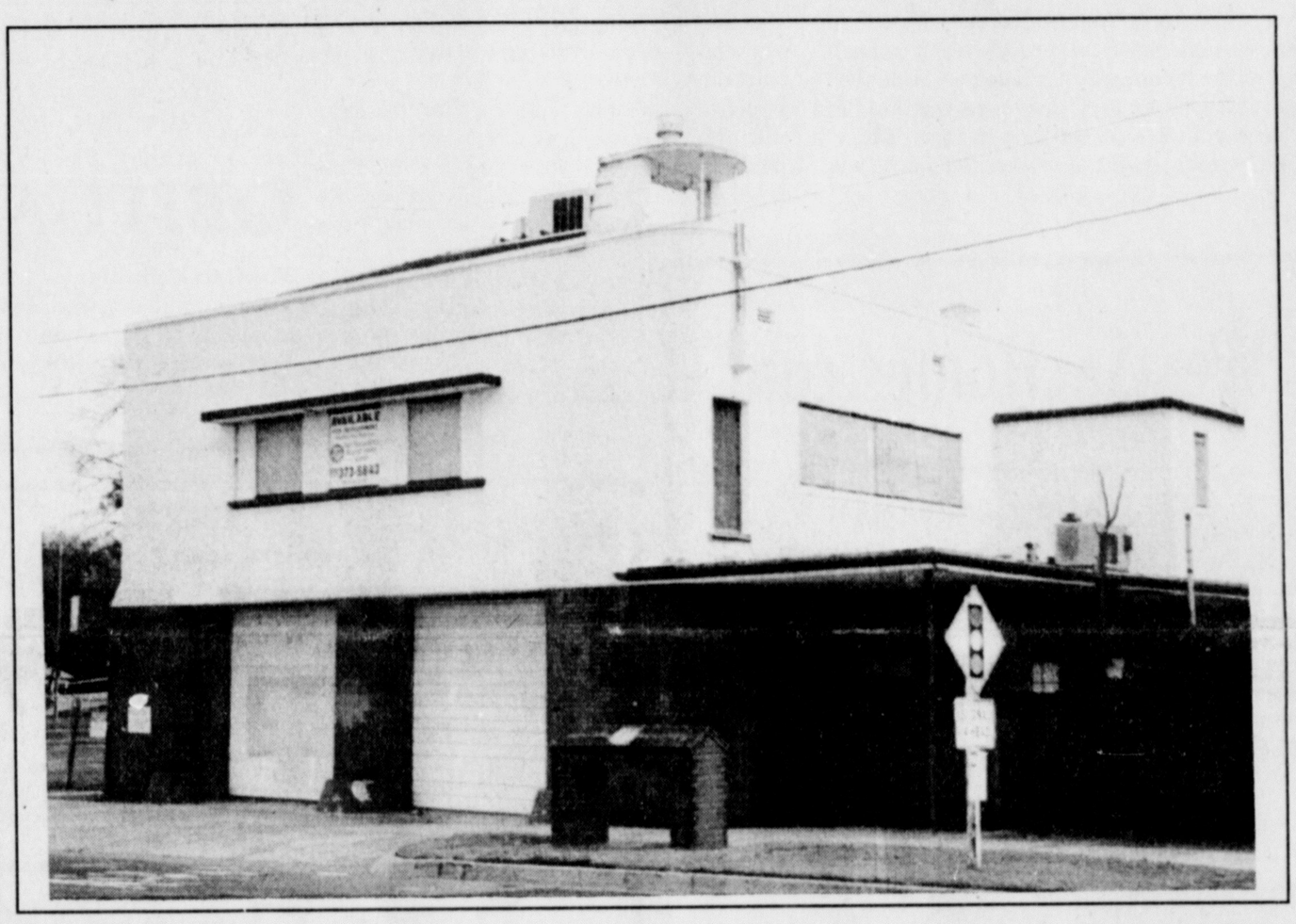
Under mutual aid agreements, nearby cities and other jurisdictions agree to help each other by providing people and equipment in the event of substantial emergencies. Companies from Sacramento or Davis might respond to help staff West Sacramento's fire response needs in the event of a major local fire, and vice versa.

Postel said the best way to handle the less-than-perfect staffing levels, though, is with good equipment and training.

"Our firefighters are outstanding professionals, and to this point they've made it work."

West Sacramento has four fire stations, each with one fire truck company. One of those companies, based at 15th Street, also has the option of responding as a "squad" equipped with rescue equipment.

Future cultural center?



The West Sacramento City Council tonight will consider extending an "exclusive negotiating agreement" with the West Sacramento Historical Society and the River Valley Art Center for renovation of the former firehouse in the city's Washington neighborhood. The council may also authorize expenditure of up to $400,000 in Measure K (sales tax) funds towards renovation of the publicly-owned building.

The two organizations have proposed use of the Art Deco-styled, Depression-era building as a local history museum and art studio. The building was saved from the wrecking ball by local activists.

The council meets at 7 p.m. at the civic center.

WUSD to pay back homebuilder for school site costs

The Washington Unified School District's school board last week approved payment of $125,000 to Forecast Homes, as reimbursement for costs incurred by Forecast when it entered into an agreement to buy real estate near Jefferson and Linden Road. The district has negotiated an end to that agreement between the Forecast and the landowners (the Iwasaki family), so that the district, instead, can buy the land to build a new high school.

The $125,000 is meant to reimburse Forecast for site studies, including hydrology and soil studies, said a district report. The report added that those studies may now be used by the district, however, reducing the district's need to pay for further studies.

Lighthouse: 'accidental' tree removal

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Stockton-based developer that has bought West Sacramento's "Lighthouse" development came to the West Sacramento City Council last week to apologize for having cut down two trees without a permit. The trees qualified for protection under a city ordinance.

"They came to our council meeting Wednesday night to acknowledge and publicly apologize for the non-permitted removal of two 'heritage' trees on their property," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. "They were doing some permitted tree removals as well, but in the process, their contractor removed two significant heritage trees not part of the permit. They indicated they intended to seek a permit and ultimately remove the trees, but had not done so.

Cabaldon said he understood the trees to be located on home lots.

The council is in the process of adding higher "replacement tree" requirements when it issues future tree removal permits for major trees, he added, so the Grupe Company will be subject to those new limits for the two "accidentally" removed trees.

High school paper included this issue

This week's edition of the News-Ledger contains a four-page insert that is the River City Review -- the student newspaper of River City High School.

The Review is written, edited and produced by the students in the school's journalism class and their advisor, teacher Chris Allan.

Their newspaper is printed and distributed by the News-Ledger as a community service.

Body recovered at port:

'No foul play' seen in fisherman's death

After comparing dental records, the Yolo County Coroner's office last week confirmed that the body of a man found at the Port of Sacramento on February 8 was indeed that of a North Highlands man who had been missing near that location since a fishing trip Jan. 19.

West Sacramento Police Detective Amy Weirich said the body was found about 100 yards west of the spot where missing fisherman Christopher Misener's truck, trailer and boat were found partially submerged last month.

The autopsy found no evidence of foul play, she added, although a cause of death has not been announced.

Pre-election policies:

The last issue of the News-Ledger prior to the March 2 local ballot will be published on Feb. 25.

This newspaper has a special policy for the final issue before a local election. Since there is no chance for anyone to respond to political attacks made in the Feb. 25 issue, no criticisms of local candidates will be permitted, either in advertisements or in opinion submittals. Likewise, negative comments pertaining to the local ballot measures may be edited to preserve fairness. Editorial decisions are final. If you have any concerns, please contact the editor in advance at 371-8030. Deadline for submittals is Friday.

The newspaper's usual standards, including the right to reasonable criticism, are still in effect in today's issue.

The newspaper's policy for local political advertising is that such ads must be prepaid with no discounts and include identification of the true person or organization placing the ad. Placement in the newspaper will attempt to honor page requests, when possible, on a first-paid, first-served basis.

Correction

Last week's News-Ledger contained an incorrect reference to the amount of bonds to be authorized by Measure Q on the local ballot next month.

The bond measure would authorize sale of $52 million, and not $53 million, for the construction of a new West Sacramento high school.

Does President Bush's military service matter?

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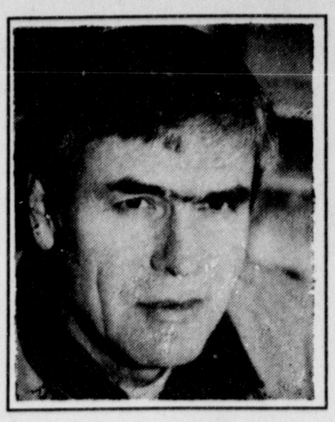

By Daryl Fisher

As I write this, the White House in Washington D.C. has just released yet more records to try and convince the American voting public that President George W. Bush's military service during the Vietnam War was acceptable, if not exactly stellar.

The basic facts are relatively simple, although the details are indeed confusing and I leave them to those who are more interested than I am. What is known for sure is that during the height of the Vietnam War, from 1968 to 1973, President Bush chose to serve in the Texas Air National Guard rather than participate in any of the fighting and dying that was going on overseas. And for those of us who did choose to go, we don't really need the president or his handlers to help explain his decision. We know exactly what he did -- and we know why he did it.

First, a little history. When the Vietnam War was at its peak and hundreds of American boys were losing their lives weekly, the military was in desperate need of more recruits. And to avoid being fodder for a war that many thought was both illegal and immoral, there were really only four choices. One, you told Uncle Sam no thanks and went to jail. Two, you packed up your bags and headed for Canada. Three, you enrolled in any college that would take you and worked hard to keep your grades up so your education deferment wouldn't be taken away. And if none of those three worked for you, then you tried everything you possibly could to get into the National Guard.

While overseas, I don't recall any of the guys I served with ever once complaining about the "to-go-or-not-to-go" decisions made by others back in the world. And I think that is still the case. We understood that everyone had to make that difficult choice for themselves. But what does tick some of us off, however, is when the highest politician in the land, who calls himself a "war president" and likes to fly onto aircraft carriers in his flight suit and tell our enemies to "bring it on", won't own up to the simple fact that when he was offered the chance to fight for his country, he deliberately chose to hide out in the National Guard.

In a recent column for the Washington Post, Richard Cohen (who like President Bush, chose the National Guard over fighting in Vietnam) said, "I have no shame about my service, but I know it for what it was -- hardly the Charge of the Light Brigade. But when Bush attempts to drape the flag of today's Guard over the one he was in so long ago, when he warns his critics to remember that "there are a lot of really fine people who have served in the National Guard and who are serving in the National Guard today in Iraq," then he is doing now what he was doing then; hiding behind the ones who were really doing the fighting. It's about time he grew up."

I find it interesting that the Vietnam War continues to jump up and bite American politicians in the butt. One of the reasons Dan Quayle's campaign for the presidency never got off the ground was because he could never fully explain why he was so supportive of the Vietnam War yet couldn't bring himself to participate; Bill Clinton could never find the courage to fully tell the truth about his draft dodging; Vice President Dick Cheney managed to get himself more college deferments than you can shake a stick at (12); and George W. Bush somehow managed to instantly get himself into an Air National Guard unit that had a waiting list of 500 people. Oh, and for those of you who are almost gleeful that this issue still has legs and are hoping that John Kerry will be able to beat George Bush about the head with it come election time, I urge you to do a little homework into Mr. Kerry's military record, too, where you will discover that when he wasn't busy collecting valor medals, he was making some of the most despicable ground combat command decisions imaginable.

It seems to me that President Bush's military service won't be all that big of a deal when election day finally rolls around. Much more important will be issues related to the economy, like taxes, the national debt, jobs, and the health of the stock market. People will also be concerned about homeland security, the growing millions of Americans who don't have health insurance, the environment, and education, just to mention a few of the many problems facing our nation. But the elephant in the room will be the ongoing and costly (in both blood and treasure) war in Iraq, which I believe is arguably the worst foreign policy decision ever made by a president of the United States. And I can't help but wonder if we would be in such a god-awful mess in that faraway place if George W. Bush could have somehow found it in himself to go and see war up close and personal back when he was offered the chance.

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By Elise McCallan
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"Wedding Flowers Made Simple: Over 80 Glorious Floral Designs For That Special Day" by Stephen Roberts.

"Cowboy Princess: Life With My Parents - Roy Rogers and Dale Evans" by Cheryl Rogers-Barnett.

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn J. Buhler

Marilyn Buhler passed away at age 56 in Sacramento on February 9, 2004. She was the beloved mother of Jason Fernandez and companion of 17 years to Rex Brown; the loving sister of Judy, Debbie, Pat and Larry; and the devoted "grandmother" of the Piper-Cub.

Marilyn was a lifelong resident of West Sacramento and gave 34 dedicated years to Napa Auto Parts Stores throughout California. She was known for her joyful, playful and generous spirit. She left us too soon and she will be greatly missed and never forgotten by family and a multitude of friends.

Services were held on February 16, 2004, at the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Memorials are preferred to Sisters of Mercy, or the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Shirley M. Draper

Shirley Draper was born in Napa, California on October 21, 1920, and lived in West Sacramento for 45 years. She died on February 11, 2004 at the age of 83. She was the beloved wife for 50 years to the late Douglas Draper; the loving mother of Suzanne Draper Warmuth (deceased), and Linda Mattos; the devoted grandmother of Tracy, Steven, and his wife Jennifer; great grandmother of Christian, Rachel Marie, Shana, and Brook; the sister of Barbara (Harrison) Watson (deceased), and Betty (Harrison) Blackerby of Beaverton, Oregon. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Nell, Barbara Berry and her husband Delbert, brother-in-law Duane, and numerous nephews and nieces as well as great nephews and nieces.

Shirley was employed in various capacities at Washington Unified School District for 44 years, the last 22 as an account clerk in the food services department. She will be deeply missed and always remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial Services were held on February 17, 2004 at the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Private entombment was in East Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes remembrances in Shirley's name to the SPCA, or charity of choice.

Elmer Ray Phillips

Elmer Phillips was born on August 24, 1954, in Yuba City, California, and died on February 7, 2004, in his West Sacramento residence. He was a laboratory technician by trade and was a 16-year resident of Yolo County. He enjoyed being called by his nickname, "Pete", and is survived by his sisters, Lucille Romero and Mary Carter, and his brother, John Phillips. He was buried in the Woodland Cemetery.

William Allen Spain

William Spain was born on June 15, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, and died in West Sacramento on January 9, 2004. He was homeless and there are no known next of kin. He was buried in the Woodland Cemetery.

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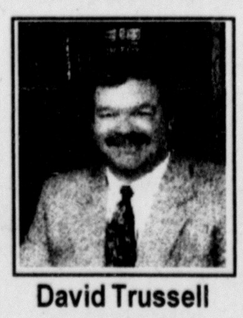
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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The NBA is at the midway point of the season and the Sacramento Kings begin with the best record in the league with 37 wins and only 13 losses. The Kings lead the Western Conference but are followed closely by the Timberwolves (37-15), Spurs (35-18), Mavs (33-19) and the Lakers (31-19) are in fifth place.

The Kings have some good news with the activation of Chris Webber to go along with the bad news of Brad Miller spraining his right foot. Miller limped out of the All-Star game in Los Angeles Sunday night after scoring 8 points in10 minutes of action. The Western Conference All-Stars hung on to beat the East 136-132 but the losers were the Sacramento Kings. Miller's injury will be one of those day-to-day evaluations.

Peja Stojakovic chipped in 5 points in 12 minutes of All-Star fame. Peja felt the pressure from the Three-Point Shootout contest the previous night as he failed in his bid to win three consecutive titles. Denver's Voshon Lenard won the Three-Point Shootout.

Webber as been activated at the expense of Lawrence Funderburke, who was put on the inactive list to make room for C-Webb. Webber missed the first 50 games of the season while rehabilitating his left knee. The bad news for the Kings is the NBA has suspended C-Webb for eight games without pay for lying to the federal grand jury and violating the league substance-abuse policy.

The Kings will begin the second half of the season by hosting the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night before they begin a three game road trip that will take them through Minnesota (4:30 p.m.-TNT) on Thursday and Chicago on Friday night (5:30 p.m.-ch.10) and Toronto on Sunday morning (10 a.m.).

The Kings will return to the friendly confines of the Arco Arena on Tuesday, February 24th to play the revamped New York Knicks.

Major League Baseball

George Steinbrenner and the New York Yankees are at it again after Commissioner Bud Selig approved the biggest trade in baseball history.

Alex Rodriquez, 28, joins the pin stripes but the Texas Rangers are still on the hook for $67 million of the $179 million that is owed over the remainder his contract. The Rangers will receive second baseman Alfonso Soriano and the famous player to be named later guy! I wonder why Selig didn't approve the trade to the Yankees' archival Red Sox?

Boxing

West Sacramento heavyweight, Gilbert Martinez (17-6-1, 8 KO's), is on the undercard at the Reno City Center Pavilion in Reno, Nevada on Saturday, February 21st. Martinez will fight a six round bout with Sione Asipeli (17-10-2, 8 KO's) of Las Vegas. Michael Simms (12-0-1, 10 KO's) of Sacramento will return to the ring after an 8-month layoff to fight a six-rounder with Cuban Yamplier Azcy (7-0, 6 KO's). The 10 round main event will feature Michael Grant. Tickets are priced at $25 and up with the first fight scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

See ya next week!

A Sporting view by Chris Richcreek

The Real McCoy

You know the Budweiser commercials that feature the word "true"?

If you want "true" in men's college basketball, look to the Ivy League.

ESPN will soon begin "Championship Week," featuring various conference tournaments in which the winner secures a spot in the NCAA Tournament. In fact, of the 31 NCAA Division I conferences, 30 have tournaments. Only one has a true regular season and no tournament, and that's the Ivy League.

Why do conferences have end-of-the-season tournaments? Well, they often make money by holding one. And since networks like ESPN cover at least the finals (if not all of a conference's games), the tournaments provide media attention, including a big spotlight for the smaller conferences.

It also gives "bubble teams" a chance to win their conference tournament and get an automatic NCAA bid, or provides them one more chance to win some games and secure a bid that way.

A tournament can help make an NCAA champion — although that is debatable. Of the past 10 NCAA champions in men's basketball, four won their conference tournament that season. Four more did not, including the past two champions (Syracuse and Maryland). The remaining two teams (1997 Arizona and 1995 UCLA) won titles without playing in a conference tournament. (The Pac-10 joined the tournament parade in 2002.)

Obviously, the style of play and the pressure of a conference tournament could help hone a team for the NCAA's big event. A loss in tournament play could, in turn, teach a team something important ahead of its NCAA trip.

But one thing a conference tournament does without a doubt is make the regular season less meaningful — it simply becomes a way to seed teams for the conference's tournament.

In the Ivy League, the regular-season champion gets the NCAA bid, and that team must survive a pretty rough schedule. For example, 12 of Princeton's 14 conference games are played on back-to-back nights. Princeton Tigers coach John Thompson III said it best when he told Sports Illustrated: "If you're going to send one team to the NCAA Tournament, you should send your best team over the length of your conference season."

Most fans probably don't care about the Ivy League, which doesn't get at-large bids and sends only its champion to the NCAA Tournament. Plus, the last time an Ivy League school made it past the NCAA's Sweet 16 was 1979.

But the Ivy League plays a season that determines a champion. That team goes to the NCAA Tournament. That's about as true as it gets.

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In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular.
—Kathleen Norris

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Confusion is always the most honest response.
—Marty Indik

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When I was born, I was so surprised I didn't talk for a year and a half.
—Gracie Allen

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RC basketball: two more wins

By Troy Turner

The River City Raiders continued their run to the playoffs as they recently knocked off both the Highland Scots and the Rio Linda Knights. When River City and Highlands played the Scots held the last spot in the playoff power ratings (16th) and desperately needed a win to ensure their appearance. During the first quarter the Scots played with passion and the Raiders seemed to be sleepwalking as they fell behind 16-5. The five points were the fewest they had scored in a quarter all season.

Highlands continued to play well during the second quarter and led at halftime 31-22. Whatever Coach Jon West said to his team during halftime worked because the Raiders started the third quarter on fire. They scored the first 12 points and continued to play aggressive, outscoring the Scots 24-5 in the quarter. With a 46-36 lead going into the final quarter, River City did not let up and won the game 68-47. Aaron Garner led all scorers with 24 points. Zeddie Barger added 10 points and Cameron Hughes had seven points.

Next the Raiders faced the Rio Linda Knights. The Knights have won only one game this season and posed no threat to the Raiders. River City led from start to finish and cruised to a 73-54 victory. Nine players scored for the Raiders who were led by Garner's 20 points. Andrew Arreloa added 14, Zeddie Barger 11, and Clayton Jones 9.

The real challenge for the season takes place this week. Tonight the Raiders play the #1 ranked Foothill Mustangs and on Friday they will face the #2 ranked Center Cougars. These two teams are the top two ranked Northern California teams in Division III. River City is the #8 ranked team in Division III.

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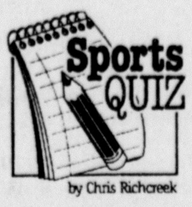

1. Jose Mesa set the Philadelphia Phillies' all-time career saves record in 2003. Whose mark did he break?
2. Who won more games as a New York Yankee — Gaylord Perry or Phil Niekro?
3. Who has won the most games as the head football coach of the Indiana Hoosiers?
4. Who are the only three members of the original 1992 "Dream Team" still playing in the NBA this season?
5. The Montreal Canadiens have won the most Stanley Cups in NHL history with 23. What team is second?
6. Michelle Kwan has won seven consecutive U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Who was the last female other than her to win it?
7. Name the last U.S. Open men's golf champion to win the event even though he was not leading after 54 holes.

Please see answers on page 4

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on March 10, 2004 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

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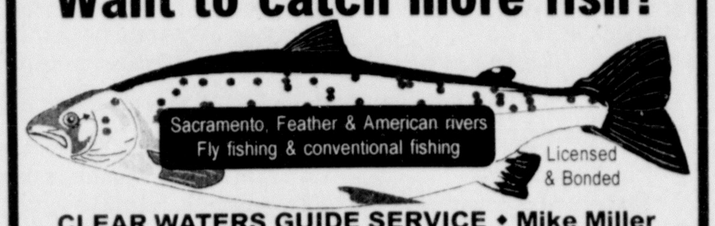

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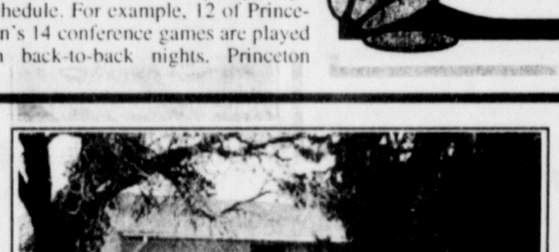
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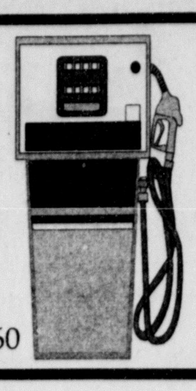

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Let us not forget that a school site is not a panacea, however, and that the best education a child can have begins at home. Children who are taught the value of education from their parents will be the most successful students.

ALAN CANDEE
West Sacramento

"No" on Measure Q

My wife and I voted "no" on Measure Q. We already pay plenty of taxes for schools even though neither of us have any children or grandchildren in the WUSD. We pay property taxes, a higher sales tax than the rest of Yolo County, and Mello Roos, which is supposed to pay for new schools in our area.

Now we are going to vote ourselves yet another new tax? No me. We are being taxed to death, and even after death nowadays. When does it stop? I am not against a new high school for the kids. I am however against a new tax to pay for it. I'll tell you what, drop my Mello Roos and then you can have your Measure Q. No? I didn't think so.

Another thing, why are you proposing to put the new high school across from a long needed shopping center at Jefferson and Linden? I guess it will take pedestrian and vehicle accidents there to prove that the location was a poor choice. Also, should Measure Q pass, and the school be built there, I hope the district is smart enough to make it a closed campus, or it is going to be a nightmare for people shopping and doing business at the shopping center across the street.

If you needed to build a new high school, there was plenty of Port property that would have been in a much better locale. But the Port gets what the Port wants, and apparently it was not to be.

Don't vote yourself another tax. Vote "no" on Measure Q.

STEVEN UNGLES
West Sacramento

Measure "R" not needed

The residents of West Sacramento are being asked to support a change in governance of West Sacramento by electing a mayor by direct vote. This ballot measure was placed on the ballot by a 3 to 2 vote of the city council without having public input to meet a time frame set forth by Yolo County to meet the March 2nd election date. This is not what the people who incorporated this city envisioned. What we wanted was public inclusion and public discussion. We wanted the voices to be heard. We did not have the opportunity to discuss alternate methods of selecting a mayor. That was wrong.

The method used starting January 3, 1987 in the selection of a mayor has served this city well. We have made great progress since 1987 with the current method. The selection of citizens to serve on boards and commissions are made by each councilmember with concurrence of the other council members. The proposed method will change that to one person, and if a city council member wants to have a person appointed, he/she must broker that with a directly elected mayor. It makes a great deal of difference.

I believe that each person selected by the voters of West Sacramento to serve on the city council are highly capable people and each has a talent that serves the city well. Each member should have the right to exercise their skill and desire to serve this city and advance the goals and objectives that the people have asked for.

You gain respect in the City of West Sacramento by accomplishment and when you as a city council achieve the peoples goals and objectives you earn respect in the region. The issue is not what one person elected with a title of mayor does, but what five elected city council members working with the public accomplish.

I truly believe the current method of selecting a mayor has worked well and without public discussion as to options or reasons for changing, Measure R should be defeated. I ask for a "no" vote on this issue on March 2nd.

RAY E. JONES
Former West Sacramento City Mayor/Councilmember

We need a change in 2004

As a Korean veteran, I am appalled at President Bush's military record where it showed he never served in the Vietnam War or ever displayed his patriotism to protect his country in time of war.

The president instead maneuvered his way around the draft and joined the National Guard. Taking the easy way out is not being much of a role model.

These may be harsh words coming from a Korean veteran but with so much deception coming from Republican warmongers in Washington D.C., it is time to speak out. Our United States veterans who served when called are the true heroes and they will help bring about a new change in the White House this coming 2004.

CHARLES SANO
West Sacramento

Vote "no" on Measure R

Now is not the time for Measure R. We are being set-up, folks, by the C.O.C. (Cabaldon, Oscar, Caroline) power pack. To date, power-hungry Mayor Cabaldon has been mayor four times in the past five years. If Measure R passes, he will run for mayor in November, and if he wins, he will rule (not serve) as mayor eight out of nine consecutive years. Please take the first step to break up the power pack by voting "no" on Measure R.

JULIA HARRINGTON
West Sacramento

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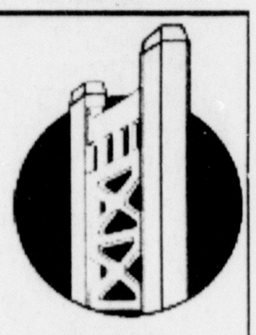

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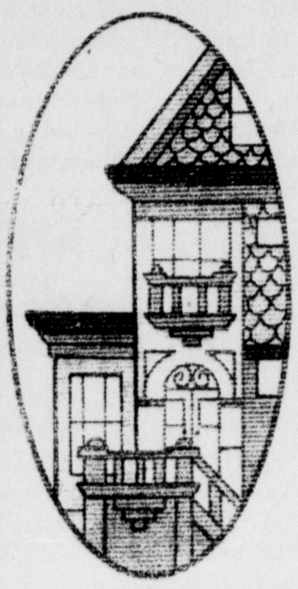

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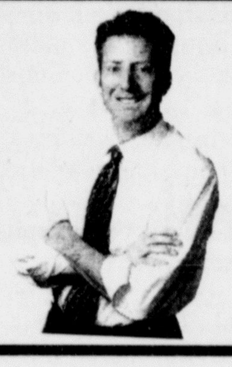

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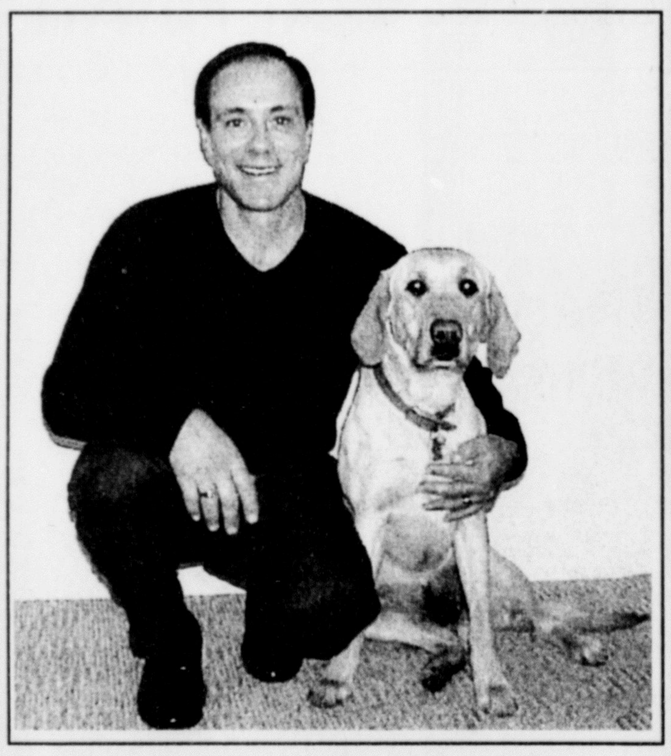

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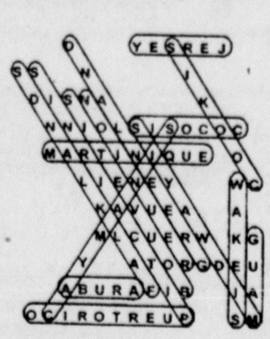
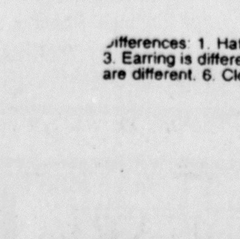
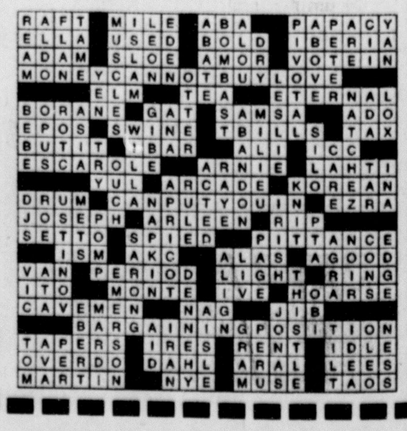
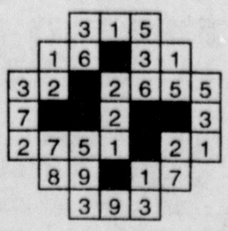


Answers
1. Steve Bedrosian had 103 saves for Philadelphia between 1986 and 1989.
2. Perry won four games for the Yankees in 1980. Niekro won 37 games between 1984-85.
3. Bill Mallory, with a 69-77-3 mark between 1984 and 1996.
4. Christian Laettner, Karl Malone and Scottie Pippen.
5. The Toronto Maple Leafs with 13.
6. Tara Lipinski in 1997.
7. Lee Janzen in 1998.



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Boutonniere is missing. 3. Earring is different. 4. Shoes are black. 5. Ceiling lights are different. 6. Clothes are missing from rack.





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POLICE LOG

Feb. 12, 4:35 a.m.

An officer investigated a prowler report along Glide Ave., and contacted a 23-year old man neareby. He saw the man reach behind a metal shed and then heard the sound of glass hitting something hard. The officer ordered the man to move aside, and found a glass drug pipe and a powdered substance that later tested positive as methamphetamine. The suspect was arrested.

Feb. 11, 9:33 a.m.

An officer saw a 25-year old Oregon man having sexual relations with a 14-year old girl in the back seat of a car on River Crest at Westacre. The two had been dating for about six months. The man was arrested.

Feb. 12, 8 a.m.

A 1988 Buick was reported stolen from Maple Street.

Feb. 12, 11:40 a.m.

A 1989 Buick was reported stolen from Douglas Street.

Feb. 12, 12:50 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of two juveniles with a gun near Meadow Road and Longcroft Street. The gun turned out to be plastic.

Feb. 12, 2:45 p.m.

A West Capitol Ave. store reported a suspicious device, possibly a bomb. Officers and the bomb squad responded, but the item was not found to be explosive.

Feb. 12, 4:28 p.m.

A credit union reported fraud, after a customer made a false deposit and then withdrew a larger amount of money.

Feb. 13, 3:41 a.m.

An officer responded to an alarm sounding on Industrial Blvd. He stopped a vehicle leaving the area quickly. The suspects in it, age 18 and 19, had burglary tools in their possession and were arrested.

Feb. 13, 8 a.m.

Two Madrone Ave. residents, a 22-year old male and female, were arrested on suspicion of having burglarized a Jefferson Blvd. business. Stolen items were recovered.

Feb. 13, 9:55 a.m.

A 1995 Toyota was reported stolen from Bryte Ave., and was later recovered on Riverbank.

Feb. 13, 10:45 a.m.

An officer was dispatched to a "home business" motorcycle repair shop to recover a motorcycle reported stolen from Sacramento.

Feb. 13, 12:49 p.m.

A store manager saw an 18-year old West Sacramento man put a bottle of vodka under his sweatshirt, walk past the store's cash registers and out the door without attempting to pay. The manager stopped the man outside and recovered the bottle, placing the suspect under citizen's arrest, after which an officer took the suspect into custody.

Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m.

On Galveston Dr., an officer took a report of a stolen motorcycle. Thieves had driven up in a pickup truck and taken the motorbike for a test ride after leaving behind identification which proved to be false. They did not return the bike.

Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.

On Evergreen Ave., several police units responded to a report of a fight among subjects with pipes and knives. The fight broke out after a minor parking lot accident. Those on the scene maintained that nothing happened. Police stopped one vehicle exiting the parking lot and found that the driver was cut up and bleeding profusely, although he was uncooperative. The man had never been issued a driver's license, so the vehicle was towed. The man was released on foot.

Feb. 14, 1:30 a.m.

On Lighthouse Dr., two officers responded after someone's car struck a tree. Two people in it were treated for injuries at an area hospital and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Feb. 14, 12:30 p.m.

The staff of a Harbor Blvd. fast food restaurant called police regarding a man who was extremely intoxicated. An officer reported finding the man face-down in his food, unconscious. The man could barely walk or respond to the officer, and was arrested for being unable to care for himself.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF YOLO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Yolo County Housing Authority will conduct a public hearing on the following item at a meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on April 6, 2004, at Yolo County Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Dr., #16, West Sacramento, CA.

Item: Yolo County Housing Authority Annual Agency Plan Update/FY 2004 Annual Plan.

Public Comments: All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing or send written communication to David Serena, Yolo County Housing Authority, 1224 Lemen Ave., Woodland, CA 95695 no later than the hearing date.

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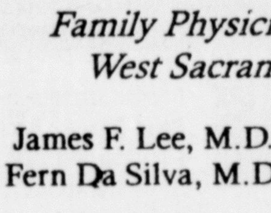

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Discipline at River City

Detention is the weak link of R.C.'s punishments

By Daniel Wilson, Lucy Mendoza & Chelsea Mudgett
Editor-In-Chief, Features Editor, & Staff Writer

Punishments have been around since the origin of man. In the middle ages, popular forms of punishments included torture chambers, beds of nails, and stretching racks. Over the years, punishments have changed a lot, and some would say that they have become less and less severe. Today, the main punishments for R.C. students are detention, in-school suspension (ISS), Saturday school, home suspension, and expulsion.

"I think that most of our punishments are effective. Of course, some aren't as effective as others. Short of expulsion from our district, home suspension is the most severe punishment and tends to send a strong message to students and parents," said R.C.'s principal Mr. Geivett.

In fact, *The Review* found that while Saturday school, ISS, and home suspension are effective, detention is the weak link in the process. As the first possible punishment a student can receive for behavior such as students disrupting class, not dressing for P.E., being tardy, or other such behaviors, detention is supposed to deter students enough so that the other punishments won't even be needed. But detention is not effective and does not deter most students who are assigned detention.

According to the Dean of Students, Mr. Pearman, only half of the students assigned detention attend. "Approximately fifty percent of those assigned are served within the allotted time period. The other fifty percent then go on to receive a Saturday school assignment."

Pearman went on to say that it comes down to students being "mathematically challenged."

"Students would rather take a three-hour Saturday school then spend thirty minutes in detention. The later punishments in the process are more effective because the smarter students don't make it that far."

Pearman says that Saturday school, ISS, and home suspension are more effective because not as many students make it to that step. "Detention is ineffective only because most of the assigned students just don't go. It is effective for those who go."

But many people believe that detentions are not effective even for those students who go. Students such as sophomore Tom Hodge say that students are not required to attend the entire 30 minutes of detention. "Most students go to detention and just sign in and leave and are counted as a detention served. I know because I have seen people do it and I have even done it myself."

In response to this criticism, the supervisor of detention, Sally Thrasher, said, "No student is allowed to leave detention until all students have signed in, so many come toward the end and it may seem like they just sign in and leave, but that's just because they are late."

On another date, Thrasher told *The Review* that students are only allowed to sign in for the first ten minutes of detention. A *Review* reporter was sent to a detention so that we could find out for ourselves. The reporter signed in at the very beginning of detention and was only required to stay for about five minutes. Thrasher had students sign two sheets of paper and then they were allowed to leave. "Detention is like waiting for the bus; it's only 30 minutes and most students don't serve the full 30 minutes," said sophomore Phylene Bonilla.

Many students have become detention repeat offenders and are assigned Saturday school. If a student doesn't go to Saturday school then they are suspended. ISS was created last year to cut down on the number of home suspensions "where students are largely unsupervised and unproductive," Pearman said. However, if students are kicked out of ISS, they are also assigned home suspensions.

Many students, such as sophomore Jessica Martinez, believe that the consequences given to disruptive students aren't helping the behavior problem at River City. "I think school punishment should be more strict because it is not really working," said freshman Nikisha Prakash.

A parent, Michele Mudgett, also feels that suspension is ineffective. "If a student is tardy several times, they obviously don't want to be at school, so suspending them is pointless because you are kicking them out of class when they don't want to be there in the first place."

Other students feel that RC's punishments are working perfectly, "I think the punishments are good because students are limited from doing things and it teaches students not to misbehave," said sophomore Kelly Hitchcock.

Geivett says that the biggest challenge in punishing students for bad behavior is trying to find a punishment that suits each particular student. "Many students will be affected by detention and will not misbehave again, but there are those few students who will not change even after multiple punishments. There are some that are most effected by suspension and then there are those that are most affected by something as simple as a phone call to their parents."

Mr. Brill, a P.E. teacher at R.C., feels that the sequence in which punishments are given is the problem, not the punishments themselves. *Currently*, R.C.'s discipline is arranged in the order of detention, Saturday school, in-school suspension, home suspension, and expulsion. Brill said, "I think the punishments of Saturday school and ISS should be reversed." He says that he assigns punishments for not dressing for P.E. most often. He never assigns ISS, and assigns approximately three detentions and three Saturday schools per week. He has found that about fifty percent of the students that are assigned detention begin to dress for P.E. on a regular basis after they have served a detention.

So what is the next step in trying to improve student behavior at R.C.? Geivett said, "If students continue to repeat their bad behavior, the final action that can be taken is expulsion. Some juniors and seniors may be transferred to Yolo High School because in many cases, if students are behavior problems, their grades usually are not very good as well. Yolo High School could be an effective alternative for them."

Take me out to the ball game

Your front row seats to R.C.'s fence controversy

By Sarah Cozad & Sarah Liden
Opinions Editor and Staff Writer

"It's going, going, it's out of the park, and the crowd goes wild!" What baseball fan doesn't get exicted to see a hard-hit ball sail over the outfield fence? Until recently, R.C. baseball teams never had the thrill of hearing the crowd roar over a home-run hit. During the week of December 15-19, 2003, a 600-foot, $9,150 chain link fence covered with sky-blue material was wrapped from varsity field's left field to the right. This baby blue "curtain" has been getting mixed reactions from both staff and students.

"It's good that somebody is finally raising money to help the school, and it's also a nice fence," said varsity baseball player Zac Smith.

According to varsity baseball Coach Seffens, the fence was built because every school in the league has a fence. The goal was to make R.C.'s baseball facilities equal or better than other schools in the league.

"I think it will attract more people (fans, players, etc.) for baseball. A baseball field with no fence is like a football field with no goal posts," said Seffens.

Many of the baseball players also feel that the fence is a strong addition to the school. Varsity baseball player Zeddie Barger, said, "I think the fence was a great idea. I'm thankful for all those who helped with the money, and I'll make sure no other team will hit over it."

On the other hand, the fence has also been getting negative reviews from both staff and students.

"The fence gets in the way for P.E. If we're running a lap, the fence gives students the opportunity to cut across the middle of the field. Or we can't play certain games in the middle of the field like usual," said junior Nakhter Ahad.

P.E. Department Chair Mr. Dennis noted that because of its size, the fence does decrease space at certain times for the P.E. department.

"It doesn't really get in the way much except when we have four classes scheduled, which is two periods a day. Then we'll have one game of say flag football on either side of the fence. It's just a little inconvenient," said Dennis.

P.E. teacher, Mrs. DeCorse also noted that, " During P.E. the fence is in the way, especially with four P.E. classes because that's where we play soccer and football during class."

Seffens denies the fence gets in the way. "It won't affect P.E. one bit because there's a gate and a lot of land out there."

R.C's softball team is the team particularly affected by the fence. According to measurements taken by *The Review*, the new left field now measures 331 feet, larger than those of Boston's Fenway Park (308 feet), Yankee Stadium (318 feet), and the Houston Astrodome (325 feet) according to measurements on baseball-guru.com. This size cuts down J.V. softball field to 185 feet, the bare minimum for a high school softball field.

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Academic Groups compete in annual competitions

By Daniel Wilson, Sarah Cozad, and Cameron Parla
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River City's 2003-2004 **Academic Decathlon** team placed fourth overall in the county competition held on February 7. The six students on the team also did very well individually. Seniors Alexis Sanborn and Calton Salzman and Sophomore Michael Forgeur all won gold medals in various areas of the competition. The team won a total of twenty-seven medals and placed second in the oral Super Quiz portion of the competition.

The team's supervisors, Ms. Hines and Ms. Carlisle were very proud of the team. "The team did very well considering we only had six students and the minimum requirement is nine. We also had students competing against students of higher G.P.A. levels from the other teams. The R.C. administration really needs a policy on drop-outs, because losing students, especially high G.P.A. students, really hurts the team," Ms Carlisle said.

Seniors Alexis Sanborn and Calton Salzman did the best on the team with multiple medals in the competition. "It may be hard while you're doing the work, but when it's over, I know I will miss it," said Sanborn.

River City's 2003-2004 **Mock Trial** team won two matches and lost two matches in this year's competition. The team consisted of 14 members. Three students, Cathryn McCombs, Senior Chelsea Farnworth, and Senior Chamille Cunningham won outstanding achievement awards. Eric Jones and Nicole McCloud were honorable mentions for their work on the team as well.

Mock Trial is a competition that is held each year and is coached by social science teacher, Mr. O'Connor. The team gets a hypothetical court case and must play the roles of lawyers and witnesses and work out the case as if it were real.

This year's case was the *People v. Casco*, a fictional trial simulation of Madison Casco, a high school senior at Mansfield High School, who was alleged to have committed credit card fraud. The defendant, Madison Casco, was charged with theft, grand theft, and receiving stolen property.

"I was really proud of this year's students. We went against some pretty tough schools but they did a good job," said O'Connor.

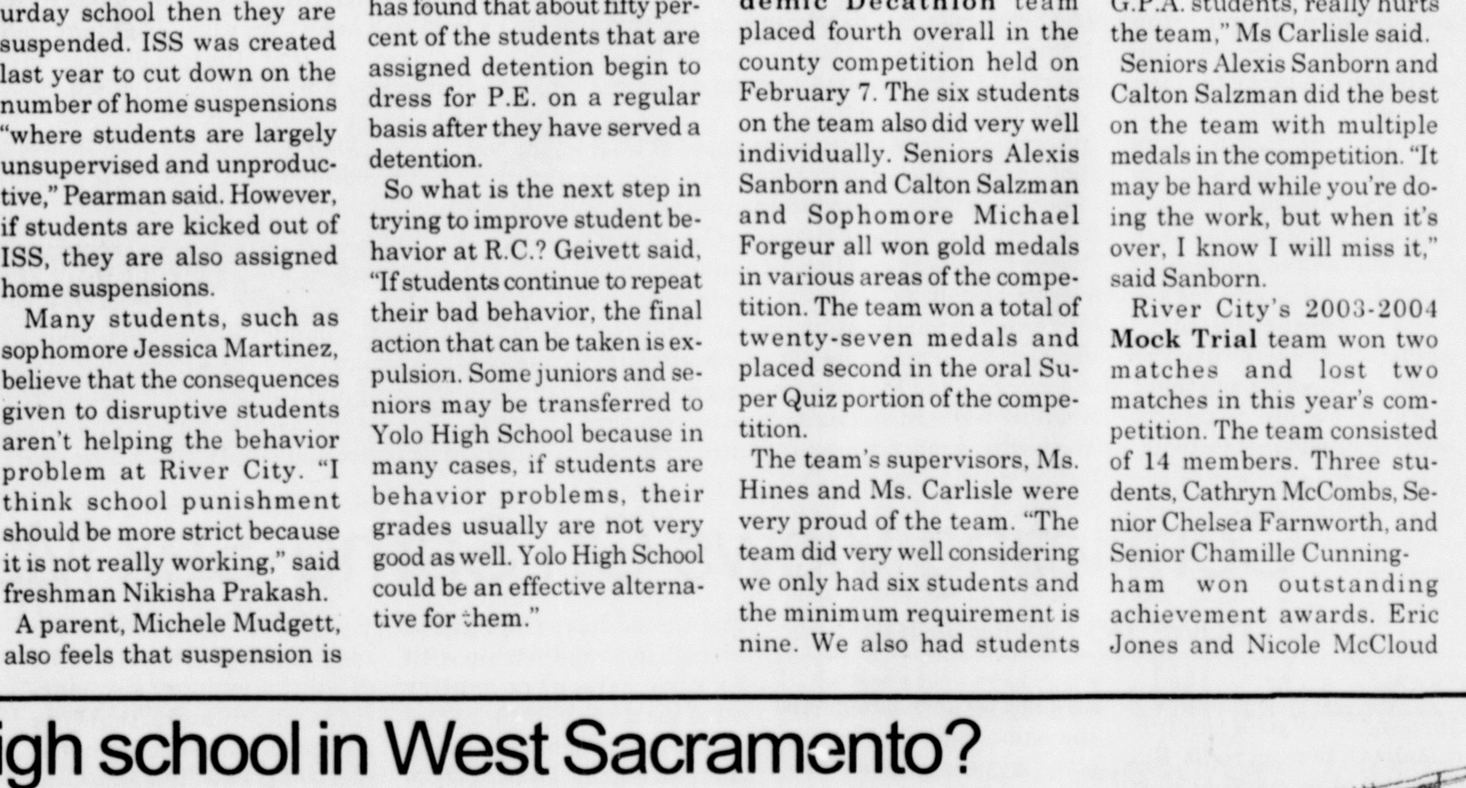
New high school in West Sacramento?

Bond measure set for March; site layout drawn for new school

By Jon Kalista
Staff Writer

On March 2, 2004 voters will be asked to pass measure Q, a $52 million bond to help pay for a new high school. This bond is supposed to insure a first-class high school with all the best school equipment and facilities, and able to hold 3,000 students. River City was only built to hold 800-1,000 students, but is currently impacted with 1,600. "I think that a new school is a good idea. This one is so overcrowded," said junior Janelle Carrol.

Many R.C. staff also believe that the bond is definitely a good thing. "I think it is the first step in the right direction," said Mr. Yarwood, R.C.'S woodshop teacher. Bigger and better facilities are supposed to mean that students will be able to learn better. "I think it would be a better institution for kids to learn in," said senior Nahum Zdybel. However, some people wonder if the school district is going about building a new school in the wrong way.



"There are too many bonds. They need to decide what taxes are for," said Ms. Carlisle, an R.C. history and economics teacher. In the January 14 issue of the *News Ledger*, Shari Baelfyr, a community member, wrote a letter to the editor saying she thought it is "ludicrous to expect taxpayers to hand out this huge amount of money without a written and very detailed plan on how it is going to be spent."

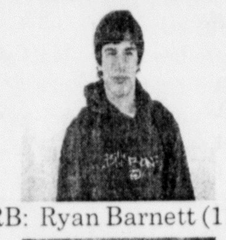
While debate continues on the best and most responsible way to pay for a new high school, there appears to be widespread support for building a new high school. "This is something the community needs," said city council member Bill Kristoff in the *News Ledger*.

Opinions

R.C. Street Smarts

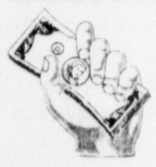
Students compete in a game of wits

KV: Kristina Vierra (9)



RB: Ryan Barnett (11)

BS: Barbara Smith (10)



1) U.S. currency is often associated with the faces on them. One face is not a U.S. President. Whose face is it?
BS: "Ben Franklin or something. Isn't it on the 20?"
KV: "Benji Franklin, there is more? I have no idea."
RB: "I don't know."

Answer: Benjamin Franklin.

2) Adults often refer to children as kids. However, there is another definition. What is the other definition?
BS: "A baby goat."
KV: "A little baby goat?"
RB: "I think a baby goat or something."

Answer: A baby goat.

3) What is the capital of Australia?
BS: "Um...I have no idea"
KV: "I know this...Sydney!"
RB: "Sydney."

Answer: Canberra

By Marlena Brookins
Staff Writer

The R.C. talent show proved to be a hit...

Why did Bob Chicken cross the road?"
...Because Jane Chicken wanted him to meet the cleavers... Get it? Cleaver... Big knife?
Where do they find these people?
Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha!
Sarah Cozad

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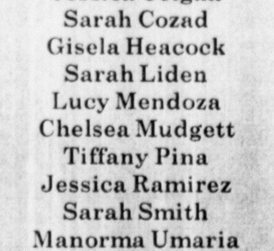

"Yes!" on Bush Visa Proposal

On January 20, in his State of the Union address, President Bush proposed allowing millions of foreign workers (undocumented) from the Latin American countries, including Mexico, to gain a temporary, three to six-year, visa to work in the United States if their employers can demonstrate that no U.S. citizen would be willing to accept the job. If the visa proposal is approved by Congress, the workers would have to return to their native land when their visas expire. Those undocumented workers who are approved for the work visa will be able to reapply for the visa as soon as their temporary stay is up. According to President Bush, this proposal is supposed to help businesses hire undocumented workers. This proposal makes a lot of sense, and I believe that undocumented workers should have the same rights and privileges as U.S. citizens because they are people who work just as hard and have come here for better life, just like the Europeans who first came to the United States.

Mexican and Latin American immigrants in particular have proven themselves in the farming industry do. Farm labor pays them "minimum wages" of just $5.15 per hour, according to an editorial from *USA Today* written by Toni Neubauer. In an editorial in the *Sacramento Bee*, the U.S. just uses these undocumented workers so we can get all of our crops at a cheaper price by paying these poor, diligent workers usually less than minimum wages because they are illegal.

Furthermore, these immigrants make large economic contributions to our country. San Francisco Federal Reserve President Robert Parry said in an interview, "Over the period of my working career, immigration has played a significant role in the U.S. economy, a huge role in the California economy, and it's been largely positive." Many economists say that immigration is vital to maintaining to United States' living standards.

Here in the United States, there are approximately 28.4 million foreign-born people living here making up about 10.1 percent of the country's population, according to the 2,000 U.S. Census. Mark Martinez, a civil rights attorney from Salt Lake City, said, "They [foreign-born people] are mostly dishwashers, they are janitorial, they cut the lawns, they're chambermaids-those kinds of positions that other people they have outgrown or don't pay sufficiently enough to make a living on." Undocumented workers do some of the most demanding work in the country, yet they don't get recognized for

After Bush announced his proposal for the visa, many opposed Bush's plan to give some liberation to undocumented workers. In a recent USA/CNN poll, 55% of Congress do not support the proposal, and 74% said the government shouldn't make it easier for illegal immigrants to become citizens. What many of them do not consider is that undocumented workers want to become citizens to give their children a chance at a better life, not that different from the European ancestors of many of the same Congress members. According to ABCNEWS.com, one immigrant woman, Guadalupe (no last name was given), said, "We [my husband and I] want our kids to grow up here, be prosperous, study here, and create a future here." The people of the United States don't understand why these "wetbacks" really come here.

Some people, such as Bill Flynn, an immigration lawyer, think the U.S. is only using the immigrants for their own benefit, even with Bush's proposal. "It's [six-year visa] only an offer to make people stay here, work and leave their money, and then they have to go back. Nothing benefits them." I'm not saying that Latin American and Mexican immigrants are the only ones suffering and holding demanding jobs. But illegal immigrants, like everyone else in this country who work hard and contribute economically, deserve to have a chance to show others what type of people they really are. We must start focusing on the positive contributions of Latin American immigrant. What would it really hurt if we did?

By Lucy Mendoza
Features Editor

Conflicting Views On Same-Sex Marriage

Love knows no boundaries

"You are now husband and husband..." Wait a minute, that doesn't sound right. But then again in a recent poll, 60.71% of Americans favor same sex marriages according to the American Family Association. Is the practice of same sex marriages becoming a trend like bell-bottom pants?

Many cultures look at same sex marriages as a sin, but who can really honestly say that they have not sinned? People have sinned, even though it may have been little sins such as not respecting your parents or cursing.

Two people who wish to get married and choose to have a relationship with the person of the same sex, should be allowed to marry, whether or not it is looked at by others as a sin. They have the right to have the same rights as anyone else. Same sex marriages don't affect anyone but the two people who are involved.

For many years many gay people met and socialized in gay clubs, isolating themselves from people who say it's wrong to have same-sex relationships. Gay people are like anyone else and should have the same rights as anyone else. Gay people are a minority, and rights of minorities should be equal to any other person. No one has the right to make anyone feel less equal to any other person.

In school I have seen many other students show that they do not approve of same sex relationships. They talk about them (or make rude comments). Also students talk about student's parents when they find out that the student's parents are involved in a same-sex relationship.

As far as parents having a same-sex marriage bo, it shouldn't matter, because the student is not involved in the same- sex relationship and it has nothing to do with them because we don't get to pick our parents.

Even though students may not have many friends because of same-sex relationships, it will make it easier on them in the later years in life to stand up for what they believe in and not let people who have nothing nice to say change their minds. Everyone should have the right to engage in a relationship with another person, no matter what sex they might be as long as the couple is happy. Being married is a title for two people who want to spend their lives with another person and do their best to keep the other spouse happy.

If it takes two people of the same sex to make a marriage work, then no one should have the right to put restrictions on them.

By Tiffany Pina
Staff Writer

Gay people are sinners

Gay marriage. Should it be allowed or not? This is a very controversial issue with many people today involved in gay or lesbian relationships, here in the United States and around the world.

It became even more controversial last October, when the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston found that Massachusetts ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional. According to a recent survey, 49% of Boston residents support legalizing gay marriage as a whole, while only 38% of Boston residents are opposed to the idea. In Massachusetts, 75% of adults support gay marriage, much more than the nation as a whole. A national poll by the Pew Research Center found only 59% of Americans oppose legalizing gay marriage, while 32% support the idea.

I agree with the majority of America and am opposed to gay marriage because in the Bible it says it's wrong. When I go places and see gay or lesbian relationships usually at least one of the people in the relationship is wearing clothing of the opposite sex. In the Bible it says, "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on women's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the Lord your God"(Deuteronomy 22:5).

It absolutely disgusts me when I see this because I know that the Lord said not to do it, and people who do are disobeying. In my opinion it is okay that girls wear pants as long as the style was made for girls, likewise with the boys.

In my opinion gay marriage is wrong. It is setting a bad example for kids and future generations. God says that it is wrong, because in Leviticus 18:22 it says, "You shall not lie with a man as with a women, it's an abomination".

If states start legalizing gay marriage the country will start to fall apart. The strangest things would be allowed, stranger things than these types of relationships. People might want to start marrying family members, or maybe even their animals. All in all, I think gay marriage or even just gay relationships are wrong. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it.

By Sarah Smith
Staff Writer

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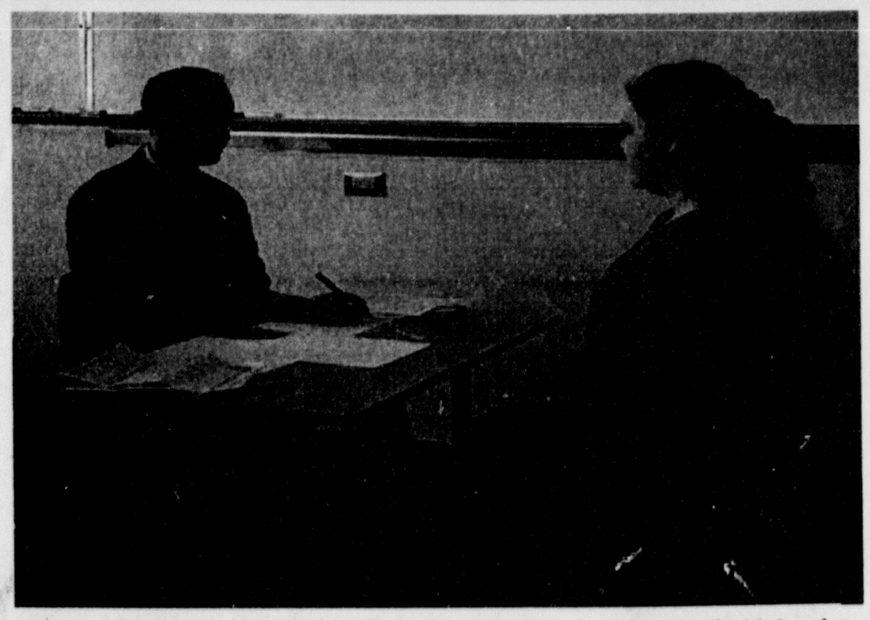

Mayor Cabaldon interviewing Academic Decathlon student, Nicole McLoud.

The Mayor Comes to R.C.

Mayor comes to visit Academic Decathlon Students

By Manorma Umaria
Staff Writer

Escorted through the hallways of River City, Christopher Cabaldon, the Mayor of West Sacramento, made a welcome visit to Ms. Carlise and Ms. Hines' Academic Decathlon class. On December 10, 2003, Cabaldon, accompanied by Wayne Enke, a businessman came to help Ms. Carlise and Ms. Hines' with mock interviews for Academic Decathlon class and help them get into "tip top shape."

In suits and dresses, students walked into their classroom, greeting Cabaldon and Enke with a handshake. When the interviews started, the students were asked several questions about high school and what they plan to do after graduation. The mock interviews lasted about five to seven minutes for each student. They all said they were very nervous. "I think it's great that the Mayor of West Sacramento came to help students here at R.C. This kind of opportunity doesn't come that often," said junior Romal Kumar.

After the interviews, Cabaldon and Enke gave constructive feedback to the students about what they should improve when they go for their real interviews. Both Cabaldon and Enke said the students did a wonderful job and that he feels that River City is a great learning community. "The greatest things about River City are its location and how students and teachers connect," Cabaldon also feels that students here at R.C. benefit from the amount of diversity at the school.

When asked what the students and administration could do to help make the school better he replied, "There is no magic seed to make a school great. In the long-term, there is a lot of struggle." The mayor is trying to get support from the community to pass the school bond bill. He is also trying to get community groups organized, and see if he can get some money from the Bill Gates foundation to help the schools and community here in West Sacramento.

When asked several questions about the land and building purchase for the new high school, Cabaldon said he felt that "what has been done has been done." He was not particularly satisfied with the land and building purchase plans for the new high school, but said, "It's unhealthy to duel in disagreement. We all need to come together as a family and make it happen."

Academic Decathlon poses with their medals after their February 7 meet.

In or out?

Which classes are the most popular among R.C. students?

By Jessica Ramirez &
Tiffany Pina
Staff Writers

Drama, electronics, and ceramics, just to name a few. These are just three of the more popular elective classes at River City. Others include photography, performance arts, and all physical education classes, such as basketball and tennis.

Still other classes, such as piano and psychology, are among the growing choices of students.

"Next year there may need to be three piano classes instead of only two," said Mrs. Tyler, R.C.'s head counselor. At the end of February there will be information about sign-ups for new classes for next year and students will choose their classes at the end of March.

There are a lot of classes that students choose because they think they will be easy. Freshman Alex Prater said, "I chose cooking because my brother said it was going to be an easy 'A'." However, once students get into a so-called easy class, they often discover it's not.

"Juniors and seniors looking for elective credit to round out graduation requirements probably choose the course because they think it will be an easy 'A'. However, once they get in, they tend to stay because the course content and experience becomes of interest to them," said Mr. Shriver, who teaches psychology.

Even though there are many classes that are popular among the students, there are some classes that are not so popular. Take physics for example. Physics is not a popular class because students do not want to be in a class that requires a lot of effort.

"Kids don't want to work. It is required in colleges. If you want to do engineering, medicine, computers, etc., you need physics. It is better to take it in high school, because in college you have to pay for it," said Mrs. Hines, the school's only physics teacher.

However, there are some students who are willing to put effort into their more challenging elective classes. A senior, Raoul Ortega, who has chosen to take math analysis (pre-calculus), said, "I heard it was a hard class, and I like math, so I thought if it was hard I wanted to challenge myself and prepare myself for college."

Bobby Tryner, who is also a senior and physics student was also interested in the class' content. "I thought it would be an interesting class and I wanted to know how people can stay in a roller coaster and not fall out."

Nearly 500 students are on "The List"

One-third of R.C.'s population has GPA below a 2.0

By Matt Richardson & Lucy Mendoza
News Co-Editor & Features Editor

"I really wish I could still wrestle. I got kicked off the team halfway through the season," said senior Steve Engel. "I can't believe that I didn't get a 2.0. I was so close. I only got a 1.8, but I guess that's life," said Engle. Ineligibility, it's a word we hear all too often. For some students, the meaning doesn't have as great an impact as it does to others who dream of being given one more chance at the sport they wish to play. Steve Engle is a senior who only had a 1.8 GPA halfway through the wrestling season and got kicked off the team. It was his first year on the ineligibility list.

Being on the ineligibility list means that you did not get a 2.0 grade point average or better on a progress report or report card. Students who are ineligible are not able to participate in sports or extracurricular activities, according to River City's GPA rule. According to Data Operations Specialist Mrs. Hocker, there are currently 498 ineligible students out of the 1,504 who attend *River City;* that's about 33 percent. That is 8.2 percent higher than last year. "One of the possibilities for such an increase is because there are more students and more are failing their classes. There are also bigger classes and teachers can't have one-on-one time with their students," said head counselor Mrs. Tyler.

Mrs. Tyler also remarked that freshmen and sophomores have the greatest population of ineligible students in the school. "A lot of them [ineligible students] are ninth and tenth graders because they think they still have enough time to get everything together, as opposed to seniors and juniors who know they need to get serious."

Tyler says that the two main reasons students at R.C. are ineligible are that they are not at school enough, and they don't get help on their schoolwork. Tyler also cited lack of support at *home as a cause of* students being on the ineligibility list because education is not a priority. Some students simply don't try when they do come to school.

Many people, staff, administration, and students, have different opinions about how the ineligibility list affects students. Opinions vary from person to person depending on whether or not she is a struggling student. Sophomore Heather Elliott, a softball and volleyball player, said, "I really don't worry about the maintaining of a 2.0 GPA because I always have above a 2.0, so it doesn't affect me." Others, however, do care about their grades because they don't want to get kicked off the team. Sophomore Olivia Jones, a softball player, said, "I worry about my grades because Ms. Hatz, the softball coach, won't let us be on the team without having good grades. Also, maybe I could get a scholarship."

The students who don't participate in extracurricular activities generally don't pay much attention to the ineligibility list because it doesn't affect them in any way. Junior Randi Eckman, who holds a 3.1 GPA, said, "I just don't care. It has nothing to do with me." Sophomore Hilary Usrey, who holds a 3.8 GPA, replied similarly to Eckman by saying that the maintaining of a 2.0 had no effect on her in any way.

Teachers, administration, and coaches are all well aware of this growing ineligible trend and aren't happy with it.

"The number of ineligible students in this school is too high. We need to find a way to reduce that number of ineligibilities," said Vice Principal Broxton. Mr. Ferris, an English teacher and former school coach, said, "Parents have the most influence when it comes to making sure that their son/daughter has good grades. I am always disappointed when I hear students tell me that nothing happens when they get bad grades. What scares me is that I hear it a lot."

On the other hand, there are teachers who are optimistic about the effectiveness of the GPA rule. Mr. Brill, a physical education teacher, said, "It's good that we have that rule because kids need a standard to keep them on track. It's a type of motivation."

Other staff members, particularly coaches, also have a positive view about how students are influenced by having to maintain their GPA to play sports and participate in extracurricular activities.

"I think it's a good rule as long as it's evenly applied to all extra curricular activcities, not just sports," said Mmath teacher and basketball coach Mr. West. At R.C., the GPA rule is generally not applied to students attending off-campus field trips, although teachers are supposed to be given an opportunity to indicate if they prefer a student not attend a field trip because of grades or behavior.

One of the major concerns about the rule is how it affects the school's sports program. "It definitely affects the [basketball] team," said West. "Nearly every year we lose someone to grades." Mr. Seffens, the Athletic Director of River City, said that the 2.0 standard affects the Athletic Department because they don't get to draw from a variety of students like other schools. However, he does think it is effective. "Ninety-nine point nine percent of the students are not going to make money in athletics. First, do school work, and if they can't get a 2.0, they don't deserve to be on the field," said Seffens. Sophomore Tammy Ma agreed, saying, "If you can't get a 2.0 you don't deserve to be on the field or court because it's not hard and school work comes first anyway."

As the student population at R.C. grows, the talk is that the ineligibility will grow as well. "We need to get students more involved in things that will motivate them to want to stay eligible," said Broxton. R.C. currently offers a variety of 7th period and after-school tutoring programs to help struggling students get caught up and raise their grades. STOMP, a peer tutoring program, is also offered at lunch to help students raise their grades and get off the ineligibility list.

Jack and Jill at One Tree Hill

A Valentine's story from The Review

By Gisela Heacock and Jessica Ramirez
Staff Writers

Jack and Jill had a picnic at One Tree Hill one sunny day. It was two weeks before Valentine's Day and everything seemed to be normal birds singing, flowers blooming- but little did they know that someone was watching them.

That day at the hill Jack and Jill spoke of the issues in their life. For example, just the other day, Jill had finally decided to buy bottled water so Jack would never have to go up a hill to fetch water. Jill had been very picky about which hill to fetch a pail of water from lately (since Jack wouldn't buy a *Brita* filter or bottled water from the store) and Jack had put up with it, but he didn't know how to tell Jill that he needed his space (and exercise). Jack was furious because climbing hills was his only form of exercise, and these days it was becoming increasingly harder for him to get off the couch (especially with new episodes of *American Idol* and *Smallville* coming on). The passerby noticed that they had many problems in their relationship.

Jill wandered to the bathroom halfway into their picnic. The passerby confronted Jack while Jill was gone. "Hello Jack, I'm Cupid. I noticed, from up in the tree that your relationship is at a crisis point and I know a solution. All you have to do is leave and walk away right now."

"What!!!" replied Jack.

"It's crazy, I know, but if you are able to let her go and she comes back then she is most definitely yours, but if she does not, then it's still okay and you can move on. If she follows you then you know that no matter what she'll always love you," said Cupid.

So Jack did just that. He got off his hiney and started walking to the next hill. Jill noticed Jack walking away she didn't know if she should follow him. Confused, Jill came tumbling after.

Thus, this is the true story of Jack and Jill, who went up a hill and went tumbling down the hill.

Short Valentine's Poem

It is almost here, that special time of year. When hearts and flowers by the hours are brought to all who seek; When kisses swirl and words to peak into little tuffs of cotton (candy) my sweet.

So be my love and be my own and call me on the telephone or send a card, that is not hard, right to my waiting door, and I'll be yours...
forevermore.

Sports & Activities

"Gimme an 'R', gimme a 'C'!"

River city cheerleaders qualify for nationals

By Lucy Mendoza
Features Editor

Placing fifth in a competition may not seem like a great thing to some, but if you were a River City cheerleader, you would be glad that you have taken fifth place. Placing fifth meant that the River City Raider cheerleaders qualified to go to the annual national cheerleading competitions next month. Sophomore Mayuko Sato, who has been on the River City cheerleading squad since her freshman year and is Junior Varsity Co-captain, said, "I'm scared to go to nationals. It's going to be like the movie Bring it On with the preliminaries and everything. It's a scary thought."

On January 10, 2004, River City's cheerleading competition squad qualified for the nationals by placing fifth against other more experienced cheerleading squads. The qualification competition was held at Lodi Tokay High School, and though the squad did do well, it was a close competition. The standard score to qualify was 85 out of 100. The River City squad received a score of 87.33 out of 100, with three judges scoring the squad.

The individual stunt group went to qualify for nationals on January 17, 2004 in Antioch, California and placed second by getting an 89 out of 100. There were 19 squads who went to compete, only four qualified for nationals.

According to the squad's Coach Advisor, Leslie Pruitt, the reason that this year's squad was able to qualify for nationals was because basically the squad is getting stronger every year and they've been performing stunts for a while now. She thinks that stunts are what probably brought them to standards for nationals. "I think, basically, that we are stronger because we have been competing every year for a while, and that has brought us up to level for nationals," said Pruitt.

This is the first time any cheerleading squad from River City has ever made it to nationals. "I feel relieved and extremely happy," said junior Chelsea Box, who is a varsity squad member and has been cheering since her freshman year.

Senior Alex Pruitt, who is a squad member on the varsity cheerleading squad and has been cheering for R.C. since her freshman year, said, "I think we've been working hard since nationals. I think that we will do extremely well at nationals." To prepare for the national competition, the cheerleading squad has been putting in a lot of time and energy. They have practiced an average of three days a week from about 3:30 to 6:00 or later. The squad is preparing for the competition by bringing more tumbling and harder stunts to their routines. Another way the squad is preparing for nationals is by going to local competitions and getting the score sheets. They then receive note from the judges on what they need to improve.

The national cheerleading competition will be from March 18 through March 21 at the Anaheim Convention Center. During the competition, the cheer squad will get two chances to qualify.

Pruitt is also cautiously optimistic about how her squad will do at nationals. "I think that we will do okay. We don't have half the squad doing tumbling because they don't know how. Tumbling in a competition helps us do better."

Sophomore Sarah Virgen, a squad member since her freshman year, said, "I feel that we will do good because we work as a team and all have faith in our squad."

Take me out to the ball game continued from page 1

River City's varsity baseball team practices behind their new fence.

"My initial reaction is that I didn't care," said varsity softball coach Ms. Hatz. "Fine, build your fence. Then, at the beginning of the year, when several other coaches sat down with Scott (Mr. Seffens) and discussed how the fence would negatively affect their program, my view completely changed. How can I support a huge project that only benefits *one* team?"

The four softball players contacted by *The Review* said the fence is great to update the school and provide for baseball. However, they too had concerns.

"I think it's a good idea to upgrade the school, but I also know it cuts greatly into our J.V. softball field. How come softball didn't get anything?" said varsity softball player Tara Shuster.

Seffens dismisses the criticism as unsubstantial. "People are jealous that baseball raised ten thousand dollars. It's almost sad that people are talking bad about good for the school. The fence doesn't affect soccer, and the softball field is the minimum 185 feet. Plus, it's a j.v. field, so it doesn't need to be bigger."

The money for the $9,150 fence was donated from several private companies, including Club Pheasant, Glass West, Home Port Reality, West Sacramento American Legion, with the R.C. West Sacramento Booster Club.

"We donated $1,000 because my brother and I played baseball for River City, and we thought we'd like to help out to better the school and the community," said Pete Palamidessi of the Pheasant Club.

Carla Marquez, of the West Sacramento Booster Club, agreed they also support other R.C. teams. "We are trying to encourage students to maintain G.P.A. and students to play sports and participate in school activities. We granted $1,000 for the fence, $800 for girls softball, $500 for girls volleyball, $500 for golf and between $300-$500 for record boards for boys basketball."

The fence has also raised the concern of students going behind the fence and misbehaving

"I'm sorry to be negative, but the fence provides a perfect hiding place for students who feel the need to engage in less-than-desirable activities," said English teacher Ms. Green.

According to the Dean of Discipline, Mr. Pearman, currently no problems of misbehavior have been reported.

"We haven't really had any problems as of yet, but I really anticipate it as soon as the weather gets good. When these problems occur, we'll have to come up with a plan to deal with this problem."

Yet another concern raised was the look of the fence. When the fence was being built, some students thought the school was getting a swimming pool, while others were simply unhappy with a huge bright blue fence cutting through the field.

"I think it is straight up ugly and takes up too much space," said freshman Eden Gostovich.

Art teacher Mr. Schumacher noted that the fence reminded him of less athletic endeavors. "I love it! I'm a big fan of the artwork of Christo," he said, referring to an artist who created fence-like installations that ran for miles along the California coast.

With all of the controversy surrounding the fence, some students are choosing to remain level-headed. "I think the fence is both a good and bad idea. It's a good idea because it puts a boundary for baseball. However, it's a bad idea because it cuts down space for P.E," said freshman Aaron Castorena.

R.C. wrestling grows up

Wrestling is R.C.'s fastest growing sport

By Cameron Perla and Jon Kalista
Staff Writers

River City wrestling has become the fastest growing sport on campus. Over the last three years the team has sent four wrestlers to state competitions and has nearly doubled from under 15 to 27 players. It probably won't stop there either. The team's coach expects this trend to continue, making the team even bigger, more talented and more competitive.

"The only compromise we've had to make from the growth of our team is that next year we might have to make cuts for the first time," said wrestling coach Juan Acevedo.

The program has grown largely because of R.C. English teacher Mr. Ferris, who helped build the R.C. program before going to West Sacramento's middle school to start a feeder program. Now when wrestlers from Golden State come to River City, most of them have already been playing for a few years coached by Ferris.

When those athletes get here, they already know the basics and will continue to become stronger and better competitors. Ferris says he is particulary proud of having three of R.C.'s wrestlers compete in the state championships. "This is a big accomplishment and has never been done at River City before," said Ferris.

Although the team will be losing two seniors leave this year, including Mike DeMars, the teams' nationally--ranked wrestler, the group should remain strong because so many students will be staying.

In the meantime, both the students and the coaches say they are enjoying themselves. "I like all my coaches and all the students, even if the coaches work us too hard," said wrestler Kevin Beck.

Acevedo admits that he works his wrestlers hard.

"Depending on how good they are, they only get about one to two months of break a year," said Acevedo. As River City continues to see its wrestling talent and numbers increase for years to come, the school can also expect wrestling to continue with its success.

Sports Briefs & Club Updates

By Smantha Cieri, Gisela Heacock, Sarah Linden, Marlena Brookins Sarah smith, Staff Writers

V. Boys Basketball

Throughout the season the River City Raiders have been in pretty good condition.

Their overall record is 14-9, with a league record of 5-3.

One of the only problems that Coach West is facing is the team's road games. They need to start winning away games.

Still, the team is rated number one on defense in the Sacramento Valley because of the team's ability to get back on defense and to steal the ball.

In their game against Dixon they scored 40 points in the first half and Dixon only 15. Aaron Garner, Zeddie Barger, Andrew Arreola and Cameron Hughes had a combined total of 33 of the team's first half points.

The top offensive player is Aaron Garner, who remains consistent in his scoring and passing ability. The top rebounder is Andrew Arreola.

J.V. Boys: 2-8

Frosh. Boys: 4-6

V. Girls Basketball

This season, girls' varsity basketball team has a league record of 0-5. The key players are Sarah Liden, Alley West, and Amy Saeteurn. They also have a new assistant coach, Philip Jackson. Games have switched to Tuesdays and Fridays, and the next game for both varsity and J.V. will be on February 19.

The J.V. basketball team has a league record of 0-5, and also has a new coach, Kathirine Axika, whom came after winter break. The key players are Allison Kuvalcaba, Jaymi Appleberry, and Jacqueline Hooks.

The freshman basketball team has a current record of 1-4, with the coach considering all of the girls on the team to be the key players. The last game for the freshman team will be in Rio Linda on February 19.

B.E.S.T. Club

Students in B.E.S.T club are going to have their candy sales in March. They will be selling cookies for $1.25, and the money raised will be used towards their end-of-the-year trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. B.E.S.T. is also hoping to go on a fieldtrip to the deep water channels. If you would be interested in this trip, contact club advisor Ms. McAllister. The group also might go on a field trip to the California Raptor Center at UC Davis in order to studey and learn about birds.

B.E.S.T. club meets on Tuesday mornings in room 55.

Leadership

At the beginning of January, Leadership was working on the rally set for 1/16, and then it was moved to 1/23, but it ended up getting cancelled all together. The Battle of the Sexes rally and the Valentine's Day dance were held last Friday, February 13. It was the annual Battle of the Sexes rally. Other than that, Leadership students urge students to recycle.

Multicultural Club

According to Mrs. Penrose, Multicultural Club is collaborating with MECHA to have an event during the lunch to celebrate the school's different cultures. There may be food and performances. Also coming up is Multicultural Day on Friday February 27. Multicultural club meets in room 56 Thursdays during lunch.

M.S.A.

MSA Club is planning a field trip to either Sacramento State University or UC Davis. They meet Wednesdays at lunch. At their meetings they play games and watch movies

Wrestling

Wrestling's current record is 4-1, with their season most likely ending in March. They have won their first dual meet in three years, and Coach Acevedo is satisfied with the way this season has turned out. The team has done a complete turn-around since the beginning of the year, with everyone working hard.
This years key wrestlers are Michael DeMars, Samuel Briscoe, Rick Inzunza, and

Coach Acevedo says that the freshmen on the team have stepped up and won matches they were not expected to win. Also, Michael DeMars won a match against a wrestler ranked number one in California.

French Club

French Club is planning on having a luncheon on March 10th, and French food will be served. They also would like to go visit some nearby elementary schools and teach the students a little French. The date for this trip is still undecided. They meet on Wednesdays at both early and late lunch.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Thank you

On behalf of the entire Domasky family, I would like to sincerely thank all of you who were so kind and generous to us during the illness and passing of my late husband, Robert. The many thoughtful cards, beautiful flowers, caring phone calls, and wonderfully prepared food which we received made these past difficult days much easier on all of us and we are truly grateful.

I would like to say a special thank you to the West Sacramento Fire Department. During Robert's illness it was necessary to call the WSFD on a number of occasions and they always showed up as soon as possible, knew exactly what they were doing, and were instrumental in extending my husband's life. We are very lucky to have such a fine fire department in our community.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all of you who went out of your way to be so kind. It's comforting to know that Robert touched so many lives during our 57 years of marriage, and that I live in such a wonderful community.

LILLIAN DOMASKY
West Sacramento

Bad place for high school

We need a new high school, without a doubt, but locating it at Jefferson Boulevard and Linden Road, as proposed, is a huge mistake. 2000 new homes south of this intersection, plus the shopping center, and every student in high school who has a car going on the road at the same time will be a traffic nightmare. Proponents of this site state traffic would be the same with any other development on the proposed site. Not so as everyone would not try to go on the road at the same time. It seems to me that the Port of Sacramento location would better fill the bill.

It has also come out that the Iwasaki family was indeed threatened with eminent domain proceedings over the years, a fact denied by the School Board. While we agree we need a new high school, it has not been defined, cost wise. You can build a school for $150 a square foot, or $500 a square foot. We need to have some idea of what is proposed instead of "Just give us the money and we will let you know how we will spend it later." Believe me, we have been down this road before with the School Board. Misleading and doing what they want is the norm with this group. We need a new School Board voted in with people who have some common sense and responsibility.

CHUCK & SANDRA KING
West Sacramento

Overcrowding: see for yourself

Voting "yes" on Measure Q is so important to our children in West Sacramento. Just think about what kind of message it would send to our children if it does not pass. Our children deserve a school that tells them the community wants the best for them.

The campus needs to be inviting, functional and safe. It has been a detriment to the community of West Sacramento by allowing a facility that was built for 800 students to be serving over 1600 children.

If you want to see how difficult it is for the students, teachers and staff to live seven hours of their day in an environment where they are squished together like sardines, come visit the current River City High School on February 20th and 27th at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a tour. Please call me at 916-616-5001 to reserve your space now. Thank you.

LORETTA BONILLA
West Sacramento

Measure Q: leap of faith

In a fairly recent editorial, you expressed support for the bond measure for construction of a new high school in West Sacramento. Coupled with that expression was a statement to the effect that a significant degree of "faith" would be required for such an endorsement, given the significant unknowns relative to such critical issues as site, costs, construction, transportation, etc.

I respectfully suggest that there is another facet to the proposed bond for which a considerably greater degree of faith is required for a "yes" vote. That is the issue of the WUSD Board of Education that would be responsible for administration of the requested $52 million.

Sadly, the current School Board (as well as its immediate predecessor) has established a record for itself that merits nothing so much as a certificate and medal for "collective incompetence." (Consider the record on "how NOT to structure and float a bond issue how NOT to solicit community input and support; and how NOT to select a new superintendent.)

To entrust this group with $52 million for an admittedly much-needed new high school appears to me to require an act of blind faith that defies rationality.

LAWRENCE T. WYNEKEN
West Sacramento

Thoughts on the ballot issues

Time and space may be infinite on a cosmological plane, but not when it comes to taking pencil to paper (as Charlie Brown might put it) and presenting one's thoughts on so many varied issues before us in the upcoming election in a clear, yet economical manner.

On Proposition 56: Should we lower the bar to raise taxes to 55 percent? At that percentage, if we had 116 state senators (two from each county) instead of the present two thirds majority system, it would at least take 64 of them voting "aye" to raise taxes or not. Unfortunately, as our legislature is currently organized, I believe it takes even fewer than that number from both houses to force the will of the most populous counties on us in order to further fleece the producers to subsidize the unproductive and/or the overpriced.

On Measure R: Do we need a full time strong mayoral form of city government? Maybe -- just not this one. Not this way. Nor at this time. The way the ballot is set up, one has no opportunity to express a desire to keep the mayor's term at the current one year limit. One also has no way to express a desire for a different number of city council members than the proposed number of four. Also, I feel the present holder of that office should be made to compete on even footing with anyone else who would like to hold the newly reformed position and not start out with a two or four year advantage.

On Measure Q: Do we need a new high school to relieve overcrowding at River City? A qualified yes is the best I can muster. On the plus side, overcrowding is only the most obvious problem there. Since the current modalities aren't working, the entire system needs to be re-examined, rethought and revamped. Failing that logical approach, a new group of buildings will at least make us feel we've done something to "improve" education. Just how many, and where to put them, is the conundrum.

On the other side, I almost fell over reading the denial of the threat of the use of eminent domain by Mr. Corley in this worthy, if somewhat gullible, "Voice of the People" the other week. The response of P. Iwasaki on February 4, 2004 was verification of my darkest fears, albeit expressed in the most pleasant of terms while giving the greatest benefit of the doubt to the intentions of Mr. Corley. While I was barely over six months old on that "Day of Infamy", I have studied the measures both sides used to contain sabotage by what were considered "enemy aliens" at that time. Believe me, what the United States did then for containment was far more humane than that of any of the Axis Powers. However, that does not give us the right to compound the old wrongs of that era with new wrongs of this one.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

In support of Measure Q

I took Lisa Sherrod's advice from last week's "letters" and visited the Measure Q web site. Unfortunately, the web site promises the moon from the passing of Measure Q.

Although the Measure Q backers clearly state that the measure will be used strictly "for the site and construction of facilities" related to the new high school, they enumerate many things that will come as a result of its passage:

"Smaller class size" -- this is possible with additional funds to hire more teachers, but there are no such funds in Measure Q.

"Individual college prep courses" -- again, additional staff would be necessary to implement such a program.

"Special programs to get at-risk kids back on track" -- and once again, there is no money in this measure to accomplish this task.

"More buses" -- last year there was a significant roll back in funding for the school bus service in Washington Unified. Instead of catching the bus around the corner from our house. our student was told she would need to walk seven blocks to catch the bus. With no funds in Measure Q to address bus service, how will the district increase bus service that was cut back so significantly just last year?

"A bigger library open to the public" -- great idea! When the county library discussed the expansion of its Arthur Turner Library a few years ago, I wrote a letter to this paper suggesting that one library was not nearly enough for the size of West Sacramento. A joint-use facility like the Franklin High School Library in Elk Grove might be exactly what is needed in the new high school, but the county is putting all its resources into rebuilding a new facility near West Capitol Avenue.

Since his tenure began in West Sacramento, I have always believed Patrick Campbell to be one of the very finest administrators. I have know Mort Geivett since our sons were in pre-school together and believe that he has the best interests of the high school students in his charge while dealing with a nearly impossible daily task at River City High School. We have less gang problems than nearly any high school in the region, including Davis High School.

My wife Nancy and I are committed to our public schools and ask you to join us in support of Measure Q.

Please see LETTERS, page 4

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 8 2004
File No. 2004-037

The following person is doing business as Precision Applicators, 31639 Rd 29A, Woodland CA 95695:

Leland F. Hazeltine and Sandra L. Hazeltine, same address as above; Preston R. Knowlton Jr., 35 Plumas Dr., Oroville CA 95966.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9-10-97.

/s/Sandra L. Hazeltine, Secretary

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The following person is doing business as Jesara Farms, 31639 Rd 29A, Woodland CA 95695:

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/s/Leland F. Hazeltine

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The following person is doing business as Traveler's Deli, 16939 Yolo St., Esparto CA:

Paula Lorenzo-Woodman, PO Box 62, Brooks CA 95606; Wyatt Cline, PO Box 27, Esparto CA 95627.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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/s/Paula Lorenzo-Woodman
/s/W.S. Cline
Owner
Manzanita Cache LLC

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Home Repair Man, 41782 E Covell Blvd., Davis CA 95616:

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/s/Thomas Mace

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File No. 2004-126

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/s/Wyatt Cline
Owner, Manzanita Cache LLC

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America is another name for opportunity.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Delta Breeze Café & Catering, 707 West Third Street, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Ronald Long, same address as above.

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/s/Ronald Long

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Friends are thieves of time.
—Latin proverb

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Main Street Domains, 608 ½ Main Street, Suite 1, Woodland CA 95695:

Ronald M. Gaylord, same address.

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/s/Ronald M. Gaylord

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 9, 2004
File No. 2004-040

The following person is doing business as K2 Technical Services, 1411 West Covell Blvd., Suite 106, Davis CA 95616:

Jeffrey M. Boone, 2929 Boathouse Ave., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Jeffrey M. Boone

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 26, 2004
File No. 2004-090

The following person is doing business as Rick's Gas Station, 45 15th Street, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Vichai Arunyakasem, 4360 S River Rd., W. Sac. CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Previous fictitious business name number 99-022.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-31-98

/s/Vichai Arunyakasem, Owner

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Whatever will satisfy hunger is good food.
—Chinese proverb

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for The Rivers Tentative Subdivision Map #4680 in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of resubdividing 3.55 acres into 22 single family lots. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645.)

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the March 18, 2004, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 18, 2004, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Feb 18

PUZZLES & COMICS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

OH, LOOK AT THESE BABY PICTURES OF GERALD.
REMEMBER HOW NOISY HE WAS AND ALWAYS MAKING A MESS.
OH, VAGUELY.
Amberwavescomics@aol.com
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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Sigh... I REALLY NEED TO GO SOMEPLACE WHERE IT'S WARM AND EVERYONE'S TAN!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME ALONG WITH ME, MAY!
I'M HEADED OVER TO FLOYD'S -- HE JUST INSULATED HIS BARN AND SWITCHED TO JERSEYS!
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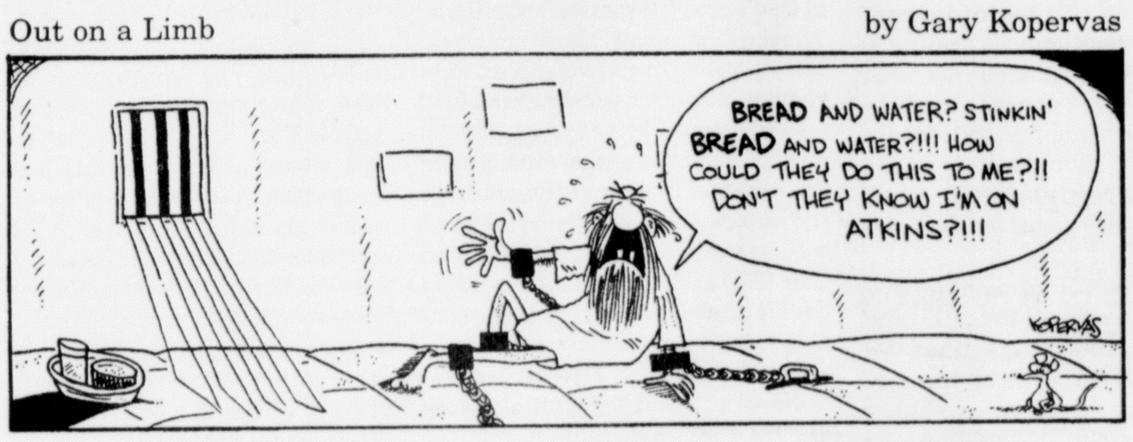
MARLAND

Out on a Limb

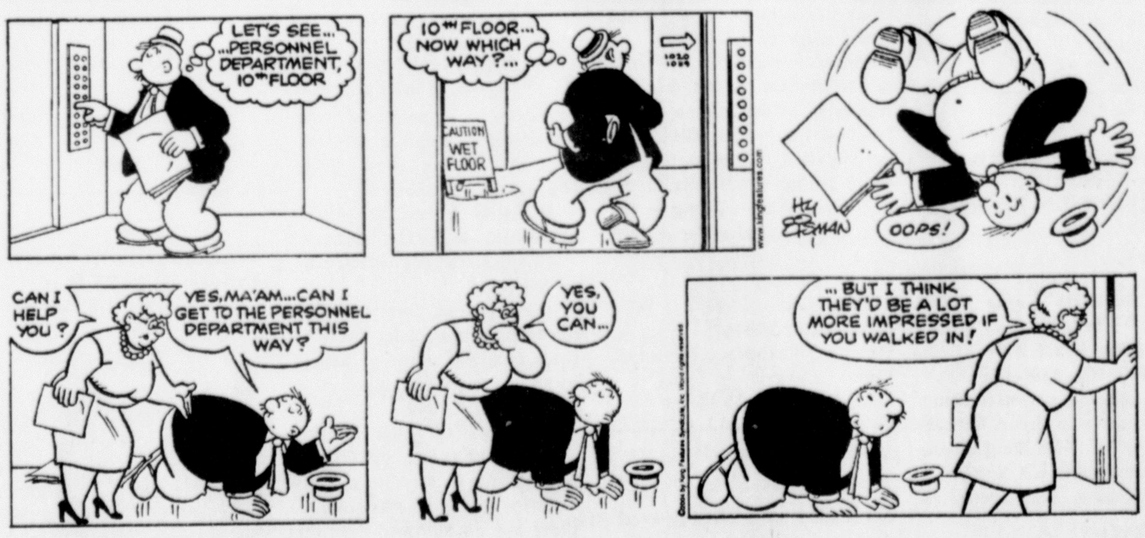
by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

POPEYE
HY EISMAN
YER REALLY ANSWERIN' A HELP-WANTED AD?
INDEED I AM, MY FRIEND!
RESTAURANT REVIEWER IS A JOB I THINK I CAN HANDLE
LET'S SEE... ...PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, 10TH FLOOR
10TH FLOOR... NOW WHICH WAY?...
CAUTION WET FLOOR
OOPS!
CAN I HELP YOU?
YES, MA'AM... CAN I GET TO THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT THIS WAY?
YES, YOU CAN...
... BUT I THINK THEY'D BE A LOT MORE IMPRESSED IF YOU WALKED IN!


FLASH GORDON
DALE ARDEN
DR. HANS ZARKOV
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
FLASH IS HURLED BY GARAKAHN INTO THE PORTAL TO THE DARK DIMENSION!
THAT VINE ...MY ONLY CHANCE!
SWINGING PRECARIOUSLY ON THE OOZING MUCUS, CORDED MUSCLES SEARCH FOR A MORE SECURE HANDHOLD...
WAM!
...AND FIND ONE!
www.kingfeatures.com
RIGHT HAND'S ALL BUSTED UP FROM WHERE GARAKAHN HIT IT...
...ALMOST BLACKED OUT.
WORSE YET, WITHOUT A WEAPON I'M A SITTING DUCK...
...SO WHY IS GARAKAHN HESITATING?!
NOOO...
LOOKING DOWN, FLASH SUDDENLY REALIZES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEVICE HE HAS STRUCK...
...AS BENEATH HIM THE PORTAL TO THE DARK DIMENSION BEGINS TO FLICKER!
NEXT: INTO THE VOID!

Super Crossword

PURCHASING POWER

ACROSS
1 "Kon-Tiki," for one
5 Relay length
9 Lawyers' org.
12 Pontificate
18 Grasso or Raines
19 Preowned
20 Daring
22 European peninsula
23 "Giselle" composer
24 Sour fruit
25 Cupid
26 Elect
27 Start of a remark by Evan Esar
31 "Nightmare" street
32 Party potable
33 Likely to last?
37 Chemical compound
41 Gangster's gun
43 Kafka character
46 Bother
47 Homer's field
48 Pen pals?
50 Govt. notes
52 Duty
53 Part 2 of remark
55 Steel support
56 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
57 Travel agcy.?
59 Salad veggie
61 Football's Herber
63 Christine of "Housekeeping"
66 Actor Brynner
67 Penny —
69 Seoul man?
70 Grass' "The Tin —"
74 Part 3 of remark
77 Philanthropist Cornell
78 Creche figure
80 Whelan or Sorkin
81 Tear
83 Brawl
84 Made like Mata Hari
85 Chicken feed
90 Doctrine
91 Canine grp.
92 Cry of regret
94 Part 4 of remark
95 Rocker Morrison
97 — piece
100 Easily digested
102 See 75 Down
103 Skater Midori
104 — Carlo
105 "— been had!"
106 Like Mister Ed?
108 Neanderthals
111 Remind one's spouse?
113 Part of a crane
114 End of remark
123 Candles
126 Enrages
127 Monthly expense
128 Vegetate
129 Go to extremes
130 Wonka's creator
131 Inland sea
132 Tun throwaways
133 With 17 Down, TV chef
134 Comedian Louis
135 Ruminate
136 New Mexico resort

DOWN
1 Paper quantity
2 Filmdom's Ray
3 Custard of Castile
4 Docile
5 Brawn
6 Cairo creed
7 Uris or Trotsky
8 Churchill's successor
9 Diminish
10 Gasconade
11 Baseball family name
12 Important
13 Superior to
14 With 72 Down, "Spartacus" actor
15 Exist
16 102, to Tacitus
17 See 133 Across
21 Thirsty
28 Craving
29 Weasel relative
30 Uggams or Caron
34 Mississippi port
35 Nabokov novel
36 Deli delicacy
37 Neuwirth of "Cheers"
38 Artistic output
39 Coll. cadets
40 Qatar's continent
41 Sarcastic remark
42 Santa —, CA
44 Desert
45 Sphere
49 Novelist Cather
51 Rural sight
54 Attempt
58 Attention
60 "That hurts!"
61 Put on
62 Martha of "Jumbo"
64 Coal by-product
65 Claire or Balin
67 Fuzzy fruit
68 Govern
69 Mend, as a bone
70 Record players?
71 Caviar
72 See 14 Down
73 New York team
75 With 102 Across, table accessory
76 From Cork
79 Splendor
82 Child welfare org.
84 Island outfit
85 Summon electronically
86 Taj town
87 Film —
88 Takes in
89 Add fringe
92 Position correctly
93 Actress Tyler
95 Morrow or Dana
96 — standstill
98 "The Sage of Concord"
99 Loman portrayer
101 Prickly plant
107 Broad sash
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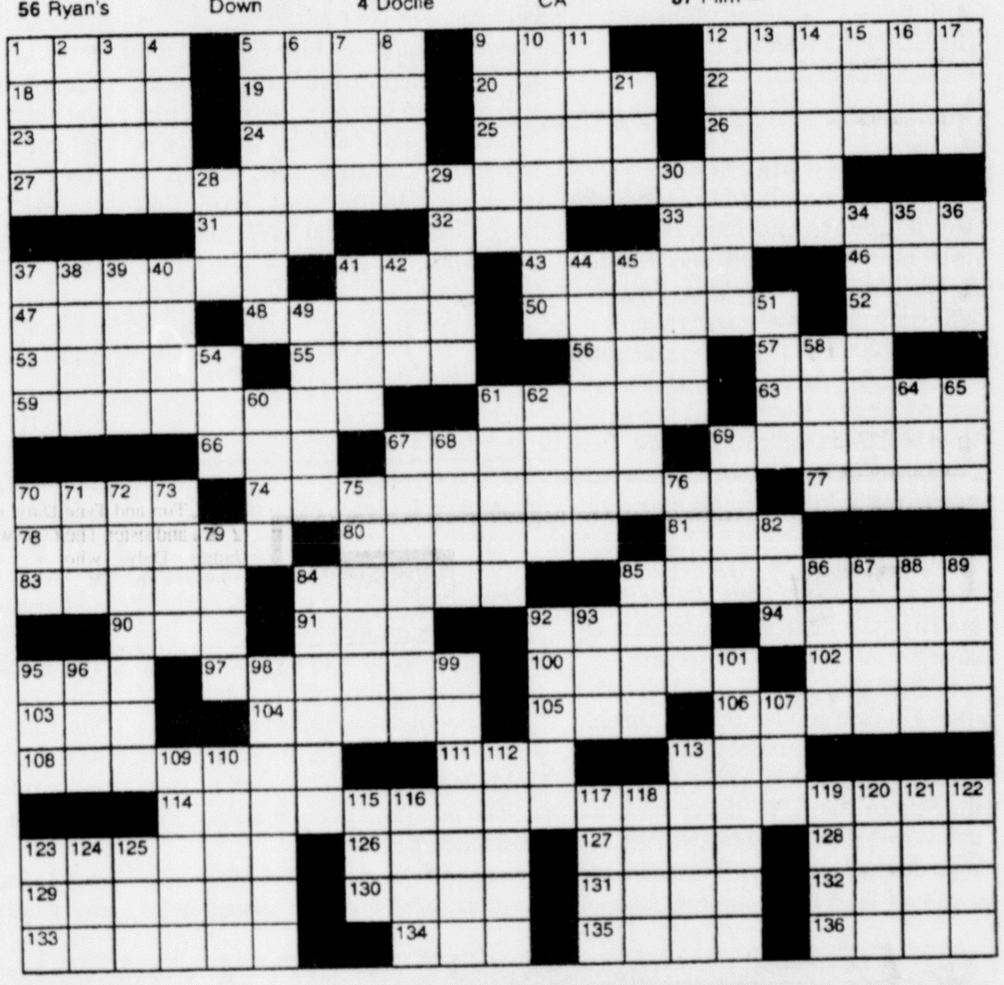
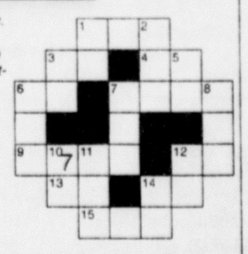


Please see answers on page 4

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. 12-Across times 5-Down
3. Three more than 14-Down
4. 3-Across plus 5-Down
6. Consecutive digits in descending order
7. Five times 8-Down
9. Seven times 15-Across
12. Consecutive digits in descending order
13. Consecutive digits in ascending order
14. Four less than 12-Across
15. Two hundred less than 11-Down

DOWN
1. Four more than 6-Across
2. 1-Across plus 7-Down
3. One-third of 1-Down
5. Three more than 3-Down
6. 4-Across times 3-Down
7. 14-Across times 14-Down
8. Five less than 2-Down
10. Consecutive digits in ascending order
11. 6-Down plus 7-Down
12. 3-Down plus 5-Down
14. One-sixth of 10-Down

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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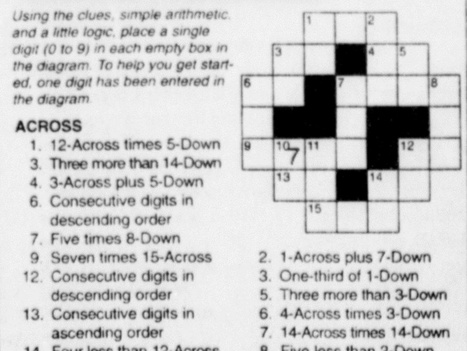
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Monster"

Running time: 110 minutes
MPAA rating: R

It is a rare occasion when an actor's performance transcends the movie he or she is in, and Charlize Theron's portrayal of serial killer Aileen Wournos in "Monster" is a perfect example. Not only did she gain 30 pounds for the role, she also got uglied up with the most prosthetic make-up this side of the Elephant Man. We haven't seen a bravura performance like this since DeNiro's in "Raging Bull."

If Theron doesn't get the Oscar for Best Actress, there is no God.

"Monster" is a compelling, intense film that is a rarity in Hollywood, because it isn't a "message movie." It's not an indictment of capital punishment like "Dead Man Walking," or a gay-rights film like "Boys Don't Cry." It would have been easy for director Patty Jenkins to use this film as a soapbox, but instead she tells Wournos' story (the good and bad) and lets the audience decide how it should feel. It is a bold choice, and I for one am glad she chose restraint. I hate it when Hollywood presumes to teach me about morality.

"Monster" documents the life of Wournos, a drifter and prostitute who worked a small stretch of I-95 in central Florida and killed six men in the 1980s and early 90s. The first killing occurs after a john brutally rapes her. It is the most unsettling and uncomfortable scene I've seen onscreen since the rape/murder scene from "Looking for Mr. Goodbar." When she kills the man, you feel Wournos is justified. But then her victims become

Charlize Theron

more and more innocent, and whatever sympathy you might have had for her is swept away and replaced with disgust.

By the end of the movie you aren't really sure how to feel about this woman — or even feel like you know or understand her. Wournos remains a cipher. Is this a failing of the film? Some may say so. I don't. I don't think it's possible to take a person's life, analyze it and distill it into a tidy two-hour package. You can live with someone for years and still never truly know them. Why should we expect more insight from a movie?

GRADE: A

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

PROSCIUTTO PLATTER WILL IMPRESS GUESTS

It's 10 a.m., and you've just had a call from a dear old friend who'll be passing through in a couple of hours and wants to stop by. That would bring them in around lunchtime, and you don't have any "company food" on hand. Not to panic.

You'll run to the deli — the good one that carries the best cold cuts and the finest selection of olives, fruit and cheese, and great French and Italian bread. You'll fix a large, pretty platter and present not only an impressive lunch, but a satisfying one. This is something you can also serve as antipasto at a dinner party or buffet or, better still, as a family treat.

Select a fully ripe melon, a couple of firm, ripe pears, oil-cured black olives, herbed Kalamatas. Make an attractive array. Separately, you might have a small wheel of Brie and a wedge of Gorgonzola. Make extra slices of bruschetta (the toasted oiled bread). They will make perfect rafts for roasted red peppers from a jar.

Now, you have it made, and with little effort.

PROSCIUTTO DI PARMA PLATTER

- *3 tablespoons olive oil*
- *1 small clove garlic, crushed*
- *1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper*
- *8 thin slices Italian bread (1/2-inch thick)*
- *8 thin, long (center cut) slices Prosciutto (about 4 ounces)*
- *3 cups assorted fruits (wedges of melon, pears, peaches, nectarines, etc.)*
- *1 cup assorted imported olives*
- *Roasted red bell pepper strips*
- *Sliced mozzarella cheese*

Preheat broiler. In small bowl, combine olive oil, garlic and pepper. Place bread slices on a baking sheet; brush oil mixture on both sides. Broil about 4 inches from heat, turning once, until golden, about 1 minute; cool 2 minutes. On a large platter, arrange the toasts, draping each one with a folded slice of Prosciutto di Parma. Arrange fruit wedges among the slices. Serve with olives, roasted peppers and mozzarella. Garnish with basil leaves, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 portions.

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NEW PRODUCT NEWS: **Frito Lay** has added several products to its snack line. Among them are Lay's Cheddar Stax (cheese-potato chips in a crush-resistant tube); Rollitos Cooler Ranch (rolled-up Doritos for extra crunch); Doritos Guacamole; Natural Tostitos Yellow Corn (made with all-natural ingredients); Doritos Nacho Cheesier (now baked, not fried); and Quakes (light, crunchy chili-cheese potato sticks, also baked, not fried). ... **Frank's RedHot** has added Chili 'N Lime to its family of hot sauces, which includes RedHot Buffalo Wings sauce. ... **Campbell Soup** has introduced Campbell's Organic Tomato Juice, becoming the first brand to offer certified organic tomato juice. Look for the 46-ounce plastic bottle in supermarkets and specialty stores. ... While the next is not a food, it is food-related and worth mentioning. "**Extra Life**" is a 3-inch disc that will help keep fruits and vegetables fresh. One in each bin helps neutralize the ethylene gas that fruits and vegetables naturally give off as they ripen, thus delaying the ripening process.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q: What has happened to Tim Daly ("Wings")? We used to see him on television a lot after "Wings" went off the air. Now he seems to have disappeared. Also, I know that he's related to Tyne Daly ("Judging Amy"). Are they brother and sister? Thanks. — *Vicky T.*

A: Tim and Tyne Daly are brother and sister. Their dad was the late James Daly, who starred in a 1960s/1970s TV series, "Medical Center." Tim Daly has been active in both television and feature films in recent years. He will star in the upcoming feature "Return to Sender," along with Aidan Quinn ("Empire Falls") and Connie Nielsen ("One Hour Photo").

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Q: I read that there will be a new Indiana Jones movie. But I didn't see any mention of Harrison Ford, who made the earlier movies so great. Will he be in it? — *Karen W.*

A: The original producers of the earlier Indiana Jones flicks, Steven Spielberg and George Lucas, will be in charge again. Harrison will also be aboard. And as I write this, the final draft of the script has been approved, so we can expect production to begin very soon.

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Q: I know there's going to be a new "Highlander" movie. My question is, will Adrian Paul (who played the character on television and also appeared in "Highlander: End Game") be in it? I also hope that after the movie is made that there will be another series. Thanks for any information you can provide. — *John H.*

A: David Abramowitz, one of the powers behind the "Highlander" TV series and its spin-off, "The Raven," says he's preparing a four-hour miniseries called "The Archangel." Although he's being deliberately vague about the casting,

Harrison Ford

there are some inside sources who say the original MacLeod clansmen — Connor, played by Christopher Lambert in the films, and Duncan, Adrian Paul's character — may appear in the series. However, the Clan MacLeod won't repeat as the world-saving Immortals. Instead, the new Highlander will be a Mackenzie. The production may air later this year or in early 2006. And if it does well, we may see another series come out of it

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Q: What's going on with the next "Superman" movie? I've been reading that it's set to go and that they found someone to play (Superman), and then I read that everything is on hold. What's the story? — *D.L.*

A: Apparently, the story is that the producers have a short list of potential Superman portrayers. And, depending on whom you read first, they also may be very close to signing Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean") to play Superman's father, Jor-el. However, some people said to be close to Depp say he's never even been asked. To sum up, there will be another Superman movie, if they can get their actors together.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Books

Marrying Mozart
by Stephanie Cowell
(Viking, $24.95)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

In his 20s, as his early fame as a child star was receding from the public imagination, the young composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart found himself bouncing from city to city, struggling to carve out a satisfying career. Rather than settling down into a drudging position as a church musician or forever repeating the endless rounds of recitals in rich people's drawing rooms, he longs to indulge his true passion — composing opera.

At this turbulent time in his life, he finds himself drawn into the circle of the Weber family. Though the family is poor and without connections, the four daughters have been taught to love music by their father, and Mozart finds himself drawn to these independent, affectionate young women.

The eldest sister, Josefa, is blessed with a lush singing voice and a fiery, passionate nature. She feels overshadowed, however, by her flirtatious sister Aloysia, whose delicate voice and remarkable beauty captivate the young man. Quiet Costanze shuns the spotlight but possesses an internal strength that has its own powerful charm. And sweet, pure Sophie is the spiritual center of the close-knit circle.

"Marrying Mozart" is a fictionalized memoir based on real events from Mozart's life and from the lives of these four young women. The novel effortlessly transports the reader back to 18th-century Germany and Austria, to a world that is earthy, colorful and alive with music (its power invoked deftly by Cowell, an accomplished soprano). Like an opera itself, the tale of Mozart and the Webers is filled with twists and turns, love and betrayal, rapid elevations to fame and sudden falls into despair.

What shines through all is the spirit of these four real, living and loving women and the mark that they made on one man. And through this man, as muses for his remarkable music and as inspirations for the famous characters of his celebrated operas, the Webers made their mark on the story of music for centuries to come.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Adversity introduces a man to himself.
—Anonymous

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Act quickly, think slowly.
—Greek proverb

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He that knows not and knows that he knows not is a child, teach him. He that knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool, shun him. He that knows and knows not that he knows is asleep, wake him. He that knows and knows that he knows is a teacher, follow him.

—Persian Proverb

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YOUR AMERICA
by Amy Anderson

March Festivals

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and hooray for the arrival of spring. Here are your March Festivals!

Milwaukee Beer Festival, Milwaukee: It's time to get hoppin' to Serb Memorial Hall in Milwaukee for the annual Milwaukee Beer Festival on March 14. Check out the home-brew competition, and sample the many specialty beers on display. But remember: No drinking before the Blessing of the Bock. Admission is $40 at the door, less ahead of time. Check out www.milwaukeebeerfest.com or call (414) 372-0749.

Snowman Burning, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.: It gets plenty cold in Sault Ste. Marie, so on March 19, the folks at Lake Superior State University (of the famed Banished Words List) set a 10-foot-tall, 5-foot-wide snowman on fire as a sacrifice — to keep warm (and to hopefully usher in spring). It's great fun, and the greatest part is the admission price: free. Check out www.lssu.edu or call (906) 635-2314 for details.

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, Alaska: From Anchorage to Nome, participants and lookers-on come from the four corners of the world to witness the madness that is the Iditarod. It is the longest sled-dog race in the world, and it kicks off on March 6 in Anchorage. The first finishing teams end up in Nome in as little as 10 days, and both cities have events aplenty to fill the time. Check out all the activities at www.iditarod.com.

American Cemetery Tour, Natchitoches, La.: Tour what is believed to be the oldest cemetery in the Louisiana Purchase on the American Cemetery Tour in Natchitoches, La., on March 27. There will be period-dressed characters representing some of the grave-dwellers, as well as a jazz-band procession to a nearby 1840 house displaying mourning apparel. Tours cost $10 per adult and $5 for children, including refreshments in the garden after the tour. Call 1-800-259-1714 or log on to www.natchitoches.net for details. Incidentally, this is the cemetery where Julia Roberts' character was buried in "Steel Magnolias."

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Feb. 29, 1915,** in South Carolina, the minimum age allowed by law for workers in mills, factories and mines was raised from 12 to 14 years old. Though child labor was largely curtailed by the mid-20th century, it is estimated that today child labor makes up between 2 percent and 10 percent of the workforce in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

• On **Feb. 26, 1929,** in a controversial move that inspires charges of Eastern domination of the West, Congress establishes Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

• On **Feb. 27, 1936,** Shirley Temple receives a new contract from 20th Century Fox that will pay the 7-year-old star $50,000 a film.

• On **Feb. 23, 1940,** folk singer Woody Guthrie writes one of his best-known songs, "This Land is Your Land." He died in 1967, having lived long enough to see his music inspire a whole new generation and "This Land is Your Land" become a rallying song for the civil-rights movement.

• On **Feb. 25, 1956,** American writer Sylvia Plath meets her future husband, Ted Hughes, at a party in Cambridge, Mass. In 1962, Plath discovered he was having an affair, and the following year she committed suicide at age 30. "The Collected Poems," published almost two decades after her death, won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1983.

• On **Feb. 24, 1968,** the Tet Offensive ends as U.S. and South Vietnamese troops recapture the ancient capital of Hue from communist forces.

• On **Feb. 28, 1994,** in the first military action in the 45-year history of NATO, U.S. fighter planes shoot down four Serbian warplanes engaged in a bombing mission in violation of Bosnia's no-fly zone.

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As one of the area's finest restaurants, **Taka's Japanese Cuisine & Sushi** provides an exciting menu and a wonderful atmosphere in which to enjoy it. Some folks get mixed up with the terms sushi, meaning "seasoned rice," and sashimi, meaning "sliced raw fish."

The menu at **Taka's Japanese Cuisine & Sushi** features dishes like California rolls, rainbow rolls, spicy tuna rolls, eel rolls, cucumber rolls and shrimp tempura rolls among many others. Sushi can be made with a variety of raw fish such as eel, crab, yellow fin tuna, shrimp, salmon, yellow tail and avacor. The sushi served in rolls at **Taka's Japanese Cuisine & Sushi** are cut into six pieces. The unique taste is enhanced by wasabi, an exhilarating Japanese horseradish, and soy sauce used as dip. Gari, pickled ginger, is provided to customers to cleanse the pallet and neutralize the tastes of the different sushi. They also have a kitchen where chefs prepare delicious hot meals such as shrimp tempura. The service is exceptional, and the atmosphere is delightful.

Area residents who want to try something new and exciting in cuisine this year should try **Taka's Japanese Cuisine & Sushi**, located in Sacramento at 1730 S Street, phone **(916) 446-9628**. For your convenience, they're open Monday through Friday for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and for dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday they're open for dinner only from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. After the first sushi dinner, most of their customers tell their friends and return for more.

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Grade – 5

Grade – 6

Grade – 7
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J.R. Haag

Grade – 8
John Haag
Alex Hall

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Caroline Cameron
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Jacob Roces

Grade – 4
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Nina Kovac
Jonathan Lockwood
Jamie Quinn
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Christopher Strunk
Adam Turchyn
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Alyssa Coffin
Kenneth Gozon
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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Bread Machine Magic

I created this bread machine recipe a few years back with my husband's taste buds in mind. Cliff loves cinnamon raisin bread but wondered if a healthier version would deliver on taste. He said to be sure to share with you that this more than exceeded his expectations!

CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD

2/3	*cup water*
1	*tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie margarine*
	Sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar, suitable for baking
1/2	*teaspoon table salt*
1 1/2	*cups bread flour*
2 1/2	*teaspoons dry yeast*
1/2	*cup raisins*
1 1/2	*teaspoons ground cinnamon*

In a baking pan container, combine water, margarine, sugar substitute, salt and flour. Make an indentation on top. Pour yeast into indentation. Follow your bread machine instructions for a one-pound loaf. Add raisins and cinnamon when "add ingredient" signal beeps. Continue following your machine's instructions. Remove load from machine and place on a wire rack to cool. Serves 8.

• Each serving equals: 125 calories, 1 g fat, 3 g protein, 26 g carb., 170 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Fruit.

Delta High School first semester honor roll

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OSEGUERA, Imelda B.
SOTO, Maria
ZEPEDA, Exiquio
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ARCEO, Gabrielle
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WILLIAMS, Daniel

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

Folk Dance Fest

The 48th Annual Camellia Folk Dance Festival will be held March 14th at the CSUS University Union Ballroom from 1 p.m to 3:30 p.m., followed by easy dances taught until 5 p.m. Admission is $6 (CSUS students and children under 18 free). Tickets may be purchased from the CSUS box office (278-4323. For more information, call 371-4441.

Free haircuts at SCC

The Sacramento City College Cosmetology Department (located at the corner of 12th Avenue and Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento) will offer free haircuts or a manicure with a canned food donation on February 24th and 27th. Appointments from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. may be scheduled by calling 558-2595. All work is done by students and supervised by instructors. Patrons must be six years-of-age or older.

Historical society meets

The Sacramento County Historical Society will meet on February 24th at 7 p.m. at 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd (off Richards Blvd and I 5). The program will be "Elk Grove and South Sacramento County History." For more information, call 485-7723.

Pastel society exhibition

The Pastel Society of the West Coast will hold their 18th Annual Open Exhibition on February 26th at the Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Avenue in Santa Clara, CA. Artists from all over the world will compete for $10,000 in awards. For more information, call 530-885-3253.

Genealogy society meets

The next meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society will be held on February 24th at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Lusk Drive at St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. There will be a presentation entitled "Research Strategies for German Research." For information, call 782-5704.

Japanese food festival

Sacramento's Buddhist Church Women's Association and Adult Buddhist Association will hold their Annual Spring Japanese Food Festival on March 14th at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard in Sacramento. Chicken teriyaki, maki sushi, beef teriyaki sandwiches and much more will be available. Call 446-0121.

Log home expo

The Log Home and Timber Frame Expo will be held in Sacramento at Cal Expo on February 20-22. It will showcase energy-efficient designs and fine craftsmanship. For more information, log on to www.logexpo.com.

Light opera

The Light Opera Theatre of Sacramento will present "The Mikado", Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular light opera, February 13 through March 7 at the 24th Street Theater, 2791 24th Street in Sacramento. For ticket information call 978-5800.

Spay-Neuter Day

Twenty locations around the region will spay and neuter area animals for $15 each on Sunday, February 22nd. To sign up for an appointment call (916) 808-SPAY (7729). Volunteer appointment schedulers will call back to obtain necessary information. Deadline to register is February 13.

Banjo-Rama

The Sacramento Banjo Band is holding its annual Banjo-Rama on February 29th from 11:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael. Call 383-0108

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 10, 2003
File No. 03-1128

The following person is doing business as Smog Diagnostic, 1449 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Sohail Aziz, 8270 Cliffcrest Dr., Sacramento CA 95828.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/10/03

/s/Sohail Aziz

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 10 2003
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 21, 2004
File No. 2004-79

The following person is doing business as The Current Solution, 1405 Garrison, Davis CA 95616:

Dennis Allen, P.O. Box 74306, Davis CA 95616; 1405 Garrison, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-21-04

/s/Dennis Allen

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 21, 2004
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 29, 2004
File No. 2004-108

The following person is doing business as Co-Owners River Ranch, mailing: 11051 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove CA 95758, 3240 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

George H. Wilson Testamentary trust A&B, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; George David Wilson & Erma A. Wilson Revocable family Trust, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; Patricia J. Fisher, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Wesley J. Fisher 1993 Trust, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Roger H. and Dorothy Anne Abley Revocable Trust, 8900 Eschinger Road, Elk Grove CA 95758; Ness Christian Enterprises, 11051 Bruceville Rd., Elk Grove CA 95758.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. Previous fictitious business name number 2003-1019.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-03.

/s/Arlene Wilson

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 29, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 6, 2004
File No. 04-15

The following person is doing business as Sawdust West, 1223 Menlo Dr., Davis CA 95616:

William Steven Roche, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on . Previous fictitious business name number 99-063

/s/William Steven Roche

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 6 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

Jan 28 Feb 4 11 18

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 22, 2004
File No. 2004-82

The following person is doing business as Southport Chiropractic, 1040 W. Capitol Ave., Suite A, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Armando T. Omega, 3540 Cooper Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan 20, 2004

/s/Armando T. Omega, D.C.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 22, 2004
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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File No. 2004-070
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS / ADVANCE AMERICA, 47-B West Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695-3078

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 19, 1998.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, By: William M. Webster IV, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 20, 2004.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

News Ledger
CN697145 Jan 28, Feb 4,11,18, 2004

File No. 2004-071
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS / ADVANCE AMERICA, 900 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691-3302

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

This business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 20, 1999.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

SIGNED: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, By: William M. Webster IV, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on January 20, 2004.

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News Ledger
CN697146 Jan 28, Feb 4,11,18, 2004

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for a Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, Conditional Use Permit and Planned Development Permit on 16.7 acres located on the north side of Linden Road approximately 800 feet west of Jefferson Blvd. at 2637 Linden Road (APN 45-280-42). The site is adjacent to Southport Elementary School. The vesting tentative map would create 176 single-family residential lots, twenty private landscape corridor lots (non-buildable) and two private street lots. The conditional use permit is proposed because single-family residential uses are conditional in the R-3 zone. A planned development permit is also proposed for exceptions to minimum lot size, setbacks, and other related development standards.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916-617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than March 9, 2004. Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the March 18, 2004 Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 18, 2004 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Please contact the Community Development Department to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.

Feb 18

NOTICE OF HEARING
FEBRUARY 24, 2004

The West Sacramento Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission will consider the following matters on Monday, February 24, 2004, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

5:30 p.m.

Item #1

Update on the Tree Ordinance and Habitat Conservation Plan

This item is an update on the status of these two programs.

Item #2

Agriculture in the City of West Sacramento

This item is a presentation and discussion of the extent and quality of agricultural land within the City, the crops that are grown, agricultural labor statistics and programs available to protect farmland. (SL)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Feb 18

NOTICE OF HEARING
MARCH 4, 2004

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions

Item #1

Status of Buildout Yield Calculations in Southport

A workshop reviewing the status of buildout and buildout yield calculations on new residential development in Southport (SP).

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Feb 18

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Setting a good example for children takes all the fun out of middle age.
—William Feather

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Our rich texture of racial, religious, and political diversity will be a godsend in the 21st century. Great rewards will come to those who can live together, learn together, work together, forge new ties that bind together.
—Bill Clinton

RE: West Sacramento Police Department Auction, February 28, 2004

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Gary J. Leonard, Chief of Police, West Sacramento Police Department, that Dawson & Dawson Auctions, located at 6580 Belleau Wood Lane #B, Sacramento, California, on Saturday, February 28, 10:00 a.m., will conduct a public auction. Articles to be auctioned are lost or abandoned and the owners thereof not known.

Articles may be previewed between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the auction.

SERIALIZED ITEMS

BRAND	ITEM	SERIAL NUMBER
General Electric	27" TV	726628797
Jensen	Amplifier	154438
Kenwood	Car CD Player (no face)	21100980
Majestic	Amplifier	20439796
Sony	Car Cassette Stereo	161400
Pre	Ski's	1753493964
Rossignol	Ski's	200001040201423
Dynastar	Ski's	2031M044916756
Emerson	Portable Stereo	010706407MS
Clarion	Car Cassette Player	0006355
Kenwood	Car Stereo	80503933
Prestige	Car Cassette Player	8056000949
Kenwood	Car CD Player	90714506
Brookstone	CD System	50020858
Sharp	Electronic Organizer	27020265
Questar	Travel DVD Video Player	1107004270
Al	Pre-Amplifeier Equalizer	098296

NON-SERIALIZED ITEMS

BRAND	ITEM
Panasonic	Car CD Player (no face)
Unknown	Drill
Plantronics	Headset
Oster	Toaster Oven
Bionaire	Fan
Casio	Palm Pilot
Texas Instruments	Hand Calculator
MTX	Crossover
Jensen	Speaker Box
Audiovox	Car Stereo (no face)
Pioneer	Car Tape Player
Norelco	Razors
Olympus	35mm Cameras
Sony	Cordless Phone
Yashica	Camera/Lens
Atomic	Ski's
GPX	Portable Cassette Player
Craftsman	Staple Gun
Skil	Grinder
Skil	Skilsaw
Craftsman	2" Drill
Price Pfiser	Faucet Fixture
Unknown	Light Fixture
Magnum	Faucet Fixture
Johnson	CD Radio
Polaroid	One Step Camera
Sony	Car Stereo
Alpine	Car CD Player
Kenwood	Amplifier
Baja	Speaker Box
Dura Truck	Tool Carrier Box
Sony	Car CD Player
Wagner	Electric Chainsaw
Black Decker	Powerdriver
Skabike	Scooter
St. Thomas	Travel Alarm Clock
Micronta	Language Translator
Cambridge	Day Planner
MTD	Electric Lawnmower
Alpine	Car Stereo (face plate missing)
Vetor	Power Inverter
Audio Art	Power Amplifier
Earthquake	Amplifier
JBL	Power Amplifier

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

28 ASSORTED PIECES COSTUME JEWELRY, 88 POCKET KNIVES, 150 MISCELLANEOUS SMALL HAND TOOLS, 15 BOOKS/BIBLES , 10 GUN/RIFLE CASES/HOLSTERS, 3 CD HOLDERS W/ASSORTED CD'S, ASSORTED TOYS AND GAMES, 9 DUFFLE BAGS/BACKPACKS, 59 PIECES ASSORTED CLOTHING/SHOES/BELTS, 2 WALLETS, CHRISTMAS WREATH, WINDSHIELD WIPERS, 2 KALDUN/BOGLE DISPLAY PLATES, BEACH UMBRELLA, CLOTH TOOL BAG, 5 POLAROID 600 INSTANT FILM, 2 KITCHEN RUGS, STACKON TOOL BOX W/ASSORTED TOOLS, 4 LAWNCHAIRS, cigar humidifier.

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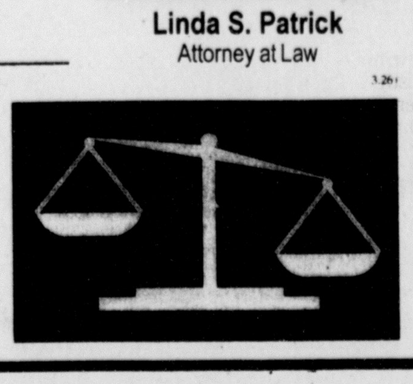

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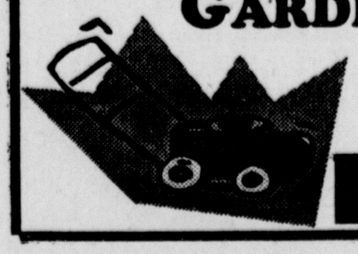

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Local Scene

United Way

The United Way organization wants to know what the West Sacramento region needs to help with programs addressing youth, health care for kids, child abuse prevention and homelessness. The public is invited to a meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento. Register in advance by calling (916) 856-3974.

Bean Feed

A "bean feed" fundraiser to benefit the campaign of Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the ILWU Hall, 600 4th Street in West Sacramento. $10 donation; $25 per family. For more information, call 376-9253.

Crab feed

The annual Holy Cross School Crab Feed is scheduled for 6 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 21 at the school, 800 Todhunter. No-host bar, raffle, dancing & crab feed for $30. Call 371-1313 for tickets

OLG dinner/auction

Our Lady of Grace School will host a dinner & silent auction on Sat., March 6, at 1990 Linden Road. The auction preview begins at 5:30 p.m. $30 includes hosted bar, New York steak dinner & auction participation. Proceeds benefit school programs. For reservations, call Carol, 372-2872. For information, call the school at 371-9416.

WUSD retirees

The committee for planning the annual potluck for Washington Unified School District retirees has scheduled the event for March 21 at the West Sacramento VFW Hall. Phone contact will begin Feb. 23. If you would like to attend and do not get a call, phone 372-0961.

English classes

Washington Unified School District is offering a series of "English as a Second Language" classes for adults. A variety of schedules and locations are available, and classes are free. For more information, call Hilda Tonarely, 375-7630.

Business help

The CSUS Center for Small Business is accepting applications for free management assistance for small businesses in the Sacramento region. Working under faculty supervision, students at the Center give advice on management-related issues with the exception of taxation, law and loan packaging. For applications, call 278-7278. For more information, call Center Director Dennis H. Tootelian, 278-6203.

Adult Softball

The city parks department is accepting registration for adult softball leagues, with league play beginning April 5. $365 per team includes 12 games plus playoffs. Men's, Women's, Coed and Corporate divisions are available. Deadline is March 12. Call 617-4620.

Teen basketball

Registration for teen basketball is being accepted by the city parks department. Open to teens age 13-17, the league begins March 27, with Saturday games. Player evaluation/draft is scheduled for Sat., March 13 at Golden State Middle School's gym. $45 per player includes jersey & eight games. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

Nursery school

James Marshall Parent Nursery School is enrolling children for the afternoon class. Children must be 2 years, nine months old or older and toilet-trained. School time is 12:45-3:15 p.m. Non-profit school with 50 years experience. Call 371-0405.

RCHS overcrowding

Activist Loretta Bonilla is organizing lunchtime public tours of the River City High School campus on Fridays, Feb. 20 & 27, to show the conditions at the school. Call her at 616-5001.

Kindergarten

Our Lady of Grace School will hold registration for 2004-05 kindergartners on Thurs., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Bring a birth certificate, baptism certificate (if applicable), health/immunization records and a $250 registration fee. Children must be five years old by Sept. 1. Call 371-9416 for information.

Commissioners needed

The City of West Sacramento is accepting applications for those wishing to serve on the parks & community services commission, housing advisory commission and youth commission. For more information, contact the city clerk at 617-4500.

Smorgasbord

The Clarksburg fellowship, a support group for the Clarksburg Community Church, will serve up a smorgasbord on Thurs., Feb. 19, from 5-7 p.m. at the church, 52910 Netherlands Ave. in Clarksburg. The meal will include everything from Dutch meatballs to cakes, all prepared by local cooks. Proceeds will go to local and international charities. For more information, call (916) 744-1206.

Crime watch

The "business watch" program sponsored by the West Sacramento Police Department meets next on Feb. 26 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the department's community room. The topic will be "lighting." RSVP to Nora McDowell, 372-2461 ext. 279.

Quit tobacco

The Yolo County Health Department is offering free assistance for those planning to quit smoking or other use of tobacco. Meet Feb. 25 or March 24 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the county Dept. of Social Services Fair Hearings room, 500 Jefferson Blvd., Building A in West Sacramento. Or meet Feb. 17 or March 17 at the library branch at 1212 Merkley Ave. from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call (916) 375-6380 ext. 4165 for more information.

Senior programs

The West Sacramento Senior Center is looking for "caring callers" to make friendly regular calls to senior clients.

The center's diabetes club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m.

And the widowed support group meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. For information, call Vi Taylor, 373-5819.

Father/daughter dance

The annual "father/daughter dance" of the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department will return on Feb. 20-21 at the civic center. Enjoy a semi-formal evening with a catered gourmet dinner and a DJ and dance to oldies. Cost is $45 per father/daughter couple. Sign up before Friday, Feb. 13. Call 617-4620 for more information or visit the city website, www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. Professional photos will be taken at the event for an extra fee.

Arts activists

The Yolo County Arts Council is looking for representation from the West Sacramento and Clarksburg areas. It already has representation from Davis and Woodland, but the council's lone West Sacramentan will end service in March. If you are interested in bringing arts to the region, call Julie Leber at 617-4620 or the council office at (530) 666-8210.

Auction of paintings

"Paintings at Auction," a new exhibit at the Yolo County Historical Museum, opens Feb. 14 at 512 Gibson road in Woodland. The paintings are contemporary and do not fit the collection policy of the museum, and were donated to be sold to benefit the museum. The auction is scheduled for Sept. 18. Admission is by guided tour, and costs $2 for adults but is free for members and for children. For more information, call (530) 666-1045.

African-American history

The Yolo County Historical Society is co-sponsoring a meeting with the West Sacramento Historical Society on Sun., Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Margaret McDowell Manor, 1525 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento (please park on street). The topic will be the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, an African – American unit formed in 1941.

Indian Education

The American Indian Education Advisory Committee of the Washington Unified School District will meet on Tues., Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. at the district board room, 930 Westacre Rd. Elections for new officers will be held.

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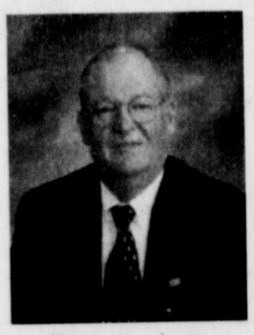

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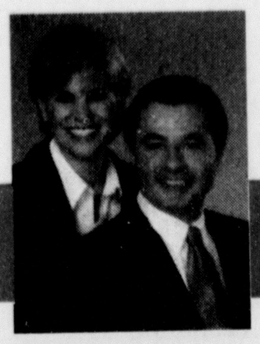

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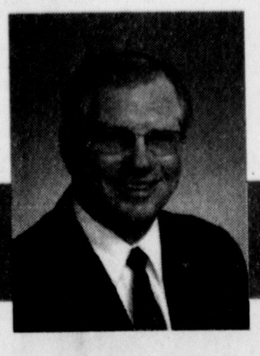

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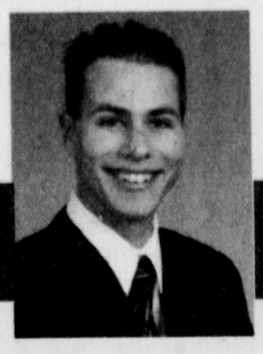

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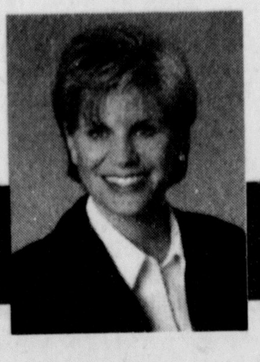

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